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Lyn Winans

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Minden Hills Council Authorizes Additional Unbudgeted Expenditures

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

It would appear that the Minden Hills Council is still struggling with some of the fallout from their recently adopted budget. At the meeting of March 26th Council considered a request for funding from the Friends of Minden Hills (Riverwalk Committee) for just under \$50,000. The funds are required to complete portions of the Riverwalk project in advance of the community's sesquicentennial celebration in August. The expenditure was approved by Council, but exactly how the project will be funded hasn't been finalized.

According to Roy Haig, Chair of the Riverwalk Committee, the next milestone in the Riverwalk project will be the installation of the pedestrian footbridge over the Gull River. The bridge itself has been budgeted for and Haig advised that the bridge fabrication is in progress with installation scheduled for some time in May depending on the timing of the half load season.

Haig also said that the Committee believed it was necessary to maintain the momentum of the project by tidying up work completed in 2008 in time for the sesquicentennial events, which included installation of safety handrails, topsoil along the pathway edges, stabilizing the slope with sod, seeding and mulching, a temporary creek crossing and paving the bridge approaches.

Estimates for the necessary work required totalled \$49,288.97, but were not substantiated by any site investigation. Haig suggested that the estimates could be subject to change, and a contingency fund of \$3,000 was included as a precautionary measure.

The letter was attached to a memo from CAO Gerry Morrison who offered two financing options for Council to consider. The first option was to fund the work out of the 2009 tax rate increase already established in the budget. While not mentioned in Morrison's memo, this option could preclude Council from proceeding with the much anticipated economic development plan, which

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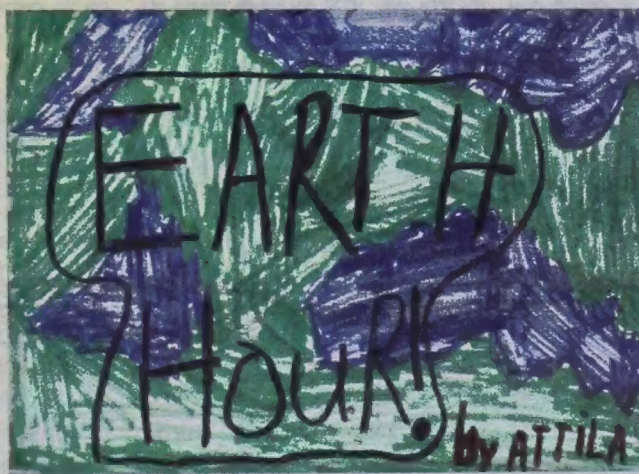
Heritage Dancers to take on the Big Apple



Back Row: Ali Hicks, Brigitta Hicks
Middle Row: Megan LaPierre, McKenzie Hill, Emerald Henderson, Michah Wilson, Kameron Anderson
Front Row: Charlene Hicks, Emma Paul, Kirsty Cook

Local Girls in the Dance America National Finals

On Saturday, March 21st, 2009, 10 dancers from Heritage Ballet went to Buffalo, New York to participate in Dance America. They competed in three categories: small group tap, duo/trio tap and small group jazz. These young dancers finished with one first place and two second place trophies, a terrific result. Their high marks qualified for all three dances for the Dance America National Finals in New York City On July 1st-4th, 2009. The dancers and their teacher, Jodi McGurrian, will also attend a three day workshop. The group will also compete in Ajax ON in the Fever Dance Challenge from April 30th-May 3rd, 2009. ■



Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

ASES in the Dark for Earth Hour

If you visited Archie Stouffer School last Friday afternoon, you may have thought there was a power outage. Students and staff at the school celebrated Earth Hour by turning out lights and shutting down non-essential electronic devices for sixty minutes. (Although one staff member just couldn't resist a peek at the computer, we won't mention any names.) Hand drawn posters throughout the school made it obvious that much discussion and thought had preceded the event.

The grade two students proclaimed earth hour pretty cool when gym class was transposed to

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One Person's Earth Hour

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Businesses and residents, not just across the County, but worldwide have been encouraged over the past few weeks to take part in the second Earth Hour challenge to shut off their lights between 8:30 and 9:30 last Saturday evening, March 28th.

According to the Earth Hour website, by shutting off your lights you would be taking part in a global election. Switching off your lights would be a vote for the Earth and leaving them on, a vote for global warming.

The idea for Earth Hour was pioneered in Australia in 2007 with over 2 million Sydney residents and businesses turning off their lights for an hour. The result was a 10 percent reduction in electrical use and a savings of over 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere. Since then, Earth Hour has become a global initiative and all of the major cities across Canada as well as many smaller municipalities have taken up the challenge in efforts to raise awareness about the need to take action on climate change.

Last year global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Coliseum, the Sydney Opera House and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square all stood in darkness. Over 50 million people switched off their lights and this year the goal was to reach more than a billion people worldwide.

It is a symbolic gesture, but one that provided inspiration to everyone in the County and indeed the world. People were urged to take photos or post a video of their Earth Hour activities on YouTube, post a blog or update their Twitters during the night encouraging people to 'vote Earth.'

So how was I going to take part in this global event? Should I participate at all? Like many others, mine is a household that doesn't function well without power unless we have absolutely no choice. Then we become regular troopers. But for me to go without my computer or my husband to do without his TV on a Saturday night can be a huge sacrifice. The decision between just shutting off the lights and holding on tightly to our addictions was tough.

But we decided if we were to do this, we might as well get it right. After all, weren't we deciding to participate in something big; something that should make a real difference?

Star gazing topped the list of recommended activities for the evening, which was something I could really buy into. Peaceful, romantic and definitely in tune with nature. So we decided to muffle up and go outside. We made a thermos of sweet coffee, grabbed our flashlight, collected our canine friends and out we went to build a little bonfire in our outdoor fireplace. (It's a feature of our back yard that we love, and built by my husband and brother-in-law during the hottest summer on record in a challenge that could create fodder for a number of stories. But I digress.)

Thankfully it wasn't too cold and despite predictions of rain, the sky was still a mix of stars and drifting clouds. The wind was picking up a bit, but it was making a wonderful sound in the tall pines next to our house, mixed with little riffs from the wind chimes in our yard.

We put our feet up to the fire and simply relaxed. Our lab Sam kept bringing treasures from various locations, our golden re-

triever Mac fretted a bit, worried about this change of pace that he somehow couldn't control and Tom the Pom refused to come down off the deck, wanting nothing more than his favorite spot on the couch.

My husband is quite a story teller when given a chance and we reminisced about various bonfires we'd had during our adventures over the years. As I gazed mesmerized into the flames he recalled a Viking burial a good friend of ours had given his riverboat and how it drifted ablaze down the Mackenzie River until was nothing but a mere shadow of its former glory; a wonderful memory, but in this day, not the most environmentally friendly act.

A friend of mine called to say she was enjoying a Caesar (from the sounds of things maybe more than one) and we decided to change our poison from caffeine to her brand of enlightenment. I knew I'd likely have a headache in the morning, but at least it would be done in aid of a good cause.

We stayed out there talking and looking at the fire and sky until the stars finally disappeared behind the clouds and the chill of impending rain started to settle into our bones. As we gathered up our things to go inside, we agreed that it had been wonderful spending time sharing fond memories and knowing that we really had been in tune with our environment. And we felt the satisfaction of having done our part, albeit it ever so small, to support the Earth in all its glory. ■

Mackeigan and Deremo earn Black Belts at Kai Shin Dojo

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter



Bob Deremo (l) and Sid MacKeigan (r) work out at the Kai Shin Dojo in Haliburton.

Take your kids to hockey practice, and you may be subject to the residual pangs of lost dreams, but you'd never entertain the idea of donning the old Tackaberrys to take a few turns on the ice with your son, daughter or grandkids.

Number one, your son's coach may not be quite as enamored of the idea as you. And number two, those kids are not going to like having a middle-aged guy, on rusty old blades, infringing on their practice time. You are relegated to the arena bleachers, perhaps lost in some Bobby Orr funk, remembering those "glory days."

In a Karate Dojo there are no bleacher seats, usually just a small viewing area, with perhaps a few folding chairs. Parents and grandparents sit close to the action and watch as their kids and grandkids assume their first solid stance, the novice white belt

fairly gleaming against the karategi (uniform).

The introductory moves in Karate are basic. Stance, balance, and empty hands. And the first thing you might notice is that there are no set age, height, or weight restrictions in the confines of the dojo.

And the second thing that might settle into your noggin, if you happen to be of a certain age, is that your tensile suppleness, has been decreasing in almost direct proportion to an ancillary increase in belt size. And sitting at the dojo, close to the snapping of the cotton karategi, and the shouts, and the fluid movement, you may even seize upon an idle (idyll?) notion that this might even be fun.

You might even wonder how you would look dressed in the traditional gi.

And why not? The karate dojo is an all-inclusive environment. At most dojos, men, women, boys and girls share an open concept floor space. Karate is based on the empty hand, and its roots trace to all-inclusiveness and its strength lies in its overarching communality of purpose.

So, before taking your kids, or even your grandkids, to their first karate class: be forewarned.

This languid and free-flowing art form may plug some ideas into that middle-aged noggin. Lightening moves, punctuated by the relaxed katas (karate forms based on defensive sets). The calm reassuring voice of a Sensei (teacher) correcting a stance here, fine-tuning a kick there. The dojo is visceral; and beguiling.

And after a few classes of sitting in the waiting area, you may just find yourself asking the Sensei about family packages, and cardiovascular benefits.

That's pretty much how it went for two Haliburton guys, shortly after their first visit to the Kai Shin Karate Club - located in lower level digs adjacent to the Subway in downtown Haliburton.

Sid MacKeigan, 54, and Bob Deremo, 59, both came to Kai Shin Club with kids in tow. They never expected, back then, that this sport would change their lives and offer some new insight into a totally unique experience.

Last January 18th both MacKeigan and Deremo qualified for Sho Dan (First Dan black belt) status, after a grueling five-hour

test of spirit and will in Mississauga, under the watchful eye of 8th Dan (black belt) sensei Monty Guest.

Years of dedication and single-minded training at the Kai Shin dojo brought MacKeigan and Deremo to Mississauga on January 18th. For Deremo, it's been an eight-year tussle with mortality and for the youngster MacKeigan, well; it's only taken him five years. Ah, the capriciousness of relative youth.

MacKeigan, an area contractor, first brought his young grandson Owen to Kai Shin Club when Owen was just six. After a few classes, Sid figured, 'hey, why should the kid have all the fun?' He approached Kai Shin sensei Michael Chapman who, perhaps intuitively, already had a karategi and white belt ready and waiting.

Five years later, Sid and Owen are still coming to class, making successful appearances at tournaments and pursuing that perfect kata. Owen is 11 now, and owns a brown belt. Sid says young Owen is already dreaming of his own date with Sho Dan. And Sid and Owen have also added a new tangent to the familial unit. Sid's other grandson - and Owen's brother - Nathan has joined the MacKeigan clan at Kai Shin. Nathan is only five and has already earned his yellow belt.

"I bring Owen on Monday and Tuesday and Nathan comes on Tuesday and Thursday," laughs MacKeigan. He says that Sensei Mike planted the seed of that Sho Dan in his head from his first visit, and now, five years later he's pretty happy that he's followed up on the dream. "I like to spend time with my grandsons," says MacKeigan, who says that having something in common with the boys makes life pop to the surface with an effervescence that's somewhat unexpected. But it's obvious that he's found middle-aged redemption here in the dojo.

Deremo, a cabinetmaker, says that he became interested in karate while watching his son take classes. "It's something I always wanted to do," says Deremo. His son moved onto other pursuits after a couple of years. Deremo stayed. And like MacKeigan, once the seed was planted, well, he pursued Sho Dan with all of the requisite zeal, coming three or four times a week and even taking special classes with Sensei Mike.

Watching MacKeigan and Deremo work out with some of the younger students on a Wednesday evening, it's obvious that they have found their niche. Understand that neither Bob nor Sid would ever be confused with Chuck Norris or Bruce Lee. And the Billy Jack back-foot whack is a little beyond their ken. Not important says their sensei.

Kai Shin club stresses progress through stance, balance, humility and dedication. Karate was never envisioned as a tool to dispatch wide-eyed shotgun toting hicks in pickups, Walker Texas Ranger notwithstanding.

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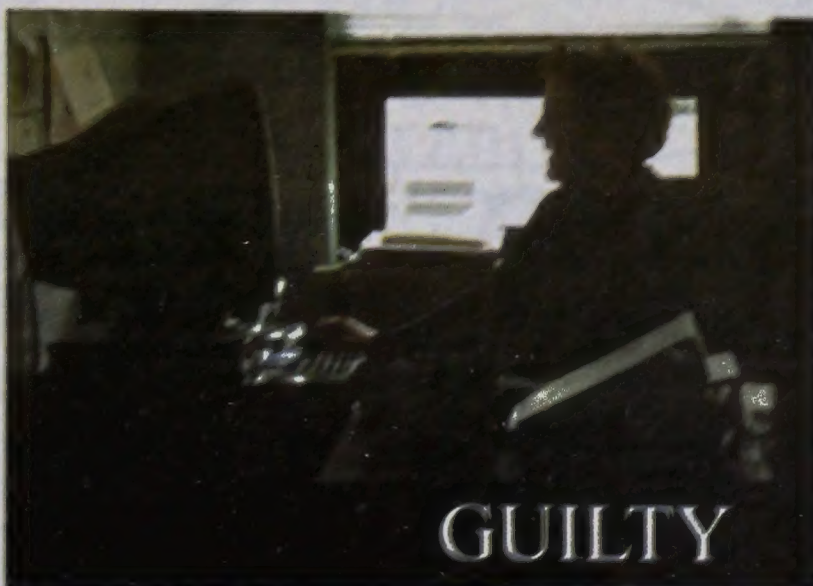
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a friendly game of hide-and-seek in the library. Skylights offered sufficient visibility to locate hiding spots among nooks, crannies, bookshelves and under tables. The darkened atmosphere made the exercise all the more fun. Other young students toured the halls and office to experience school life without lights.

Although Earth Day is officially in April, the ASES ECO Committee, which includes administrators, custodians, staff members and students, organizes a special earth-friendly activity once every month in addition to daily routines emphasizing reuse, recycle and renew. Earth Hour was this month's effort to raise awareness of energy use. ■



THURSDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and mild

▲ 10° ▼ 2°

FRIDAY



Breezy with showers likely

▲ 10° ▼ 1°

SATURDAY



Becoming mostly sunny and cooler

▲ 7° ▼ -1°

SUNDAY



Increasing clouds and seasonable

▲ 9° ▼ -2°

MONDAY



Cloudy with showers likely

▲ 7° ▼ -1°

TUESDAY



Windy and colder with snow showers

▲ 2° ▼ -5°

WEDNESDAY



Chilly with more snow showers

▲ -1° ▼ -11°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be dry and mild on Thursday with highs near 10. A storm system will produce showers on Friday with highs remaining near 10. Cooler weather will be likely this weekend, but plenty of sunshine will be seen on Saturday while more clouds than sun will be seen on Sunday. Highs will be in the single digits.

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	City	Today	Friday	Saturday
Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch
Acapulco	30/20/su	30/21/su	30/21/su	Montego Bay	30/23/pc	29/23/pc	30/23/su
Antigua	28/22/sh	29/22/su	27/22/su	Nassau	30/23/pc	29/22/su	27/24/su
Barbados	30/23/pc	30/24/pc	29/25/su	Port-au-Prince	30/24/pc	29/23/sh	30/24/sh
Bermuda	20/13/pc	24/16/pc	24/18/sh	Puerto Vallarta	30/14/pc	31/5/su	30/5/su
Cancun	35/24/su	33/24/pc	29/24/su	St. Thomas	29/22/pc	28/23/pc	28/22/pc
Curacao	31/26/su	32/25/pc	29/23/ci	St. Maarten	28/22/su	28/23/su	27/24/su
Freeport	29/22/pc	29/23/pc	29/24/su	San Jose, CR	30/19/pc	30/20/pc	29/19/pc
Georgetown	31/24/pc	30/24/pc	30/23/sh	San Juan	28/23/pc	28/22/su	28/24/su
Havana	31/24/su	32/24/pc	32/23/su	San Salvador	32/22/su	32/23/pc	32/23/su
Key West	30/23/pc	29/23/pc	29/24/pc	Santo Domingo	30/23/pc	29/23/sh	30/22/su
Kingston	30/24/pc	30/24/pc	30/25/su	Trinidad	31/26/pc	31/26/pc	30/26/su

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch
Bancroft	10/22/pc	10/18/sh	7/4/pc	9/2/pc	7/4/sh	2/4/sh	4/4/sh
Barrie	10/22/pc	10/18/sh	7/4/sh	9/2/pc	7/4/sh	2/4/sh	4/4/sh
Bowen	9/1/pc	10/18/sh	6/4/su	8/2/pc	7/2/sh	1/4/sh	4/4/sh
Haliburton	10/22/pc	10/18/sh	7/4/su	9/2/pc	7/4/sh	2/4/sh	4/4/sh
Huntsville	9/1/pc	10/18/sh	6/4/su	8/2/pc	7/2/sh	1/4/sh	4/4/sh
Kingston	12/22/pc	12/22/sh	8/7/pc	10/4/pc	9/1/sh	3/7/sh	1/4/sh
Lindsay	10/22/pc	10/18/sh	7/4/su	10/4/pc	7/4/sh	2/4/sh	4/4/sh
Minden	10/22/pc	10/18/sh	7/4/su	9/2/pc	7/4/sh	2/4/sh	4/4/sh
Oshawa	12/22/pc	12/22/sh	8/7/pc	10/4/pc	9/1/sh	3/7/sh	1/4/sh
Ottawa	10/22/pc	10/18/sh	6/4/su	8/2/pc	7/2/sh	1/4/sh	4/4/sh
Toronto	12/22/pc	12/22/sh	8/7/pc	10/4/pc	9/1/sh	3/7/sh	1/4/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch	Hi/Lo/Fch
Calgary	1/2/sh	2/5/sh	4/7/sh	8/5/pc	7/5/sh	4/7/sh	3/9/sh
Edmonton	1/7/sh	3/4/sh	3/4/sh	7/4/sh	6/4/sh	3/4/sh	4/13/sh
Fredericton	7/3/sh	8/1/sh	10/4/sh	6/2/sh	9/1/pc	2/7/sh	2/4/sh
Halifax	8/2/sh	7/2/sh	7/2/sh	8/6/sh	6/4/pc	4/4/sh	3/2/sh
Montreal	9/1/pc	10/4/sh	6/2/sh	10/4/pc	9/1/sh	3/4/sh	1/4/sh
Regina	2/5/sh	2/5/sh	1/7/sh	3/4/pc	8/4/pc	2/4/pc	2/4/sh
St. John's	4/2/sh	6/4/sh	3/0/sh	3/2/sh	6/2/sh	3/4/sh	1/4/sh
Saskatoon	3/4/sh	3/4/sh	1/4/sh	1/4/sh	6/5/sh	1/4/sh	2/4/sh
Vancouver	8/3/sh	10/4/pc	10/4/pc	12/5/sh	12/4/sh	9/2/sh	9/2/sh
Whitehorse	-6/13/sh	-6/12/pc	-6/29/sh	-2/10/sh	-2/7/sh	-10/4/sh	-12/20/sh
Winnipeg	-1/7/sh	1/7/sh	3/6/sh	3/6/sh	2/7/sh	-4/2/sh	-4/5/sh

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Monday/3/20	29C	0C	0.0 mm
Sunday/3/29	29C	3C	15.7 mm
Saturday/3/28	19C	-4C	0.0 mm
Friday/3/27	10C	-3C	0.3 mm
Thursday/3/26	18C	3C	1.8 mm
Wednesday/3/25	9C	-4C	0.0 mm
Tuesday/3/24	-4C	-13C	0.0 mm

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 3/20	6:52am/7:43pm	10:11am/2:03am
Fri. 3/21	6:51am/7:45pm	12:58pm/2:45am
Sat. 3/22	6:49am/7:46pm	2:46pm/4:29am
Sun. 3/23	6:47am/7:47pm	3:33pm/5:16am
Mon. 3/24	6:45am/7:49pm	4:18pm/5:50am
Tues. 3/25	6:43am/7:50pm	5:02pm/6:23am
Wed. 3/26	6:41am/7:51pm	5:44pm/6:55am

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Dear Editor:

Improving Accessibility for People with Disabilities

Earlier this month, a Call for Proposals was issued for the Federal Government's *Enabling Accessibility Fund*. The money will help cover the costs of construction and renovation needed to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

In my travels across the riding, I've listened to numerous people with disabilities talk about the barriers that limit their daily activities, including inaccessible buildings, inadequate support or aids and a lack of awareness.

As a result, Canadian communities are not fully benefiting from the participation of people with disabilities. The objective of the *Enabling Accessibility Fund* is to support community-based projects across Canada that improve accessibility and enable Canadians, regardless of physical ability, to participate in and contribute to their community and the economy.

Some of the eligible activities include renovations for buildings or modifications of existing vehicles within Canada that improve physical, and/or communication accessibility. All projects must be accessible to the public and organizations may apply for a maximum of \$50,000.

Some examples of eligible projects include:

- building an interior or exterior ramp;
- installing wider doors or installing automated door openers;
- lowering sinks or counters;
- improving lighting and increasing colour contrast;
- building an accessible washroom;
- installing accessible door handles and light switches;
- modification or enhancement of media such as an assisted listening device;
- installing a computer that is voice-interactive; and
- installing a wheelchair lift in a community-based vehicle.

Those interested in applying need to be non-governmental organizations, such as community-based groups and non-profit organizations; public sector organizations such as small municipalities (with a population under 250,000) and small private-sector organizations with fewer than 50 employees and under \$5 million in gross annual revenue.

Please note that the deadline for applications is May 4, 2009 and any approved projects must start before January 1, 2010. In addition, work must not start before Human Resources and Skills Development Canada awards the grant.

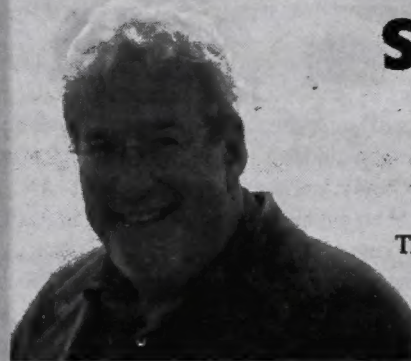
Information about the application process for the *Enabling Accessibility Fund* can be found at http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/disability_issues/eaf/call2009/index.shtml

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Member of Parliament
Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Short Summer, Short Profits

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) has approved a change to the coming school year that would see Haliburton students return to school a week before Labour Day, which this year falls on September 7th, the latest it can possibly be.

The TLDSB's rationale for this extraordinary move is that the Board is mandated to provide 194 school days a year, and if it brought students back the day after Labour Day, September 8th, only 192 days could be provided. Another factor in the decision is that the G8 Summit will be taking place in Huntsville and area on the weekend of June 25th to 27th, 2010, and security concerns mean that bussing will be effectively ended early. The current plan is for students to return on Tuesday, September 1st: August 31st would be a designated Professional Activity (PA) Day.

While it's easy to see why the Board has made this decision, the bottom line is that Haliburton and Muskoka businesses will have one less week of summer to make enough money to last through the winter. This could be a serious blow to many: Craig Bowker, owner and operator of the Ski-Mazing Water Ski School in Haliburton sees a loss of up to 10 percent of his annual revenue, particularly if this summer repeats last year's pattern of rain rain rain, and finally sun. "That last week last summer turned my season around, pure and simple", Bowker said. He's also spearheaded a move by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce to approach the TLDSB to ask it to reconsider the move: the Chamber's also adding its name to a motion put to the TLDSB by the Bracebridge Chamber to reconsider the schedule change.

And it's not as if some other school boards around Ontario haven't found creative ways to satisfy the mandated 194 school days. The Upper Canada District School Board, which serves a great swath of Eastern Ontario outside of Ottawa, has considered and rejected the change. It's scheduled two extra PA days in the week before Labour Day, for example. Students there will start school September 8th.

Another issue is how much the Board's stakeholders were involved in the decision. The committee that decided the issue was made up of chiefly of representatives from CUPE and the Teachers Federation, along with Principals, Trustees, and School Councils. Other 'community' interests were also apparently canvassed, although no business organization in Haliburton County seems to have been on the list.

Of the 72 School Boards in Ontario, only 39 have thus far voted for the change. The City of Kawartha Lakes has passed a resolution asking the TLDSB to reconsider the decision. As we're told a few hundred times a day, these are tough economic times. Surely some compromise can be found to accommodate the essential need for Haliburton County businesses to "make hay while the sun shines".

Paging Dr. Freud: Dalton Needs Help, Fast

Last week's Ontario budget is bold and complex: it's also deeply confusing, if not pathologically confused. It's three-quarters Mike Harris, one quarter Pierre Trudeau: it's Karl Marx in charge of the Fraser Institute: it's Maynard Keynes in bed with Adam Smith; it's, well, you get the schizophrenic drift. And if Premier McGuinty is clearly in need of some serious therapy, think of the therapeutic challenges the good House of Flaherty faces. Husband Jim, the federal Conservative Finance Minister, no-holds barred political street fighter for all things right, and eminence grise behind Dalton's 'Liberal' budget, is married to MPP Christine Eliot, provincial Conservative leadership candidate, sworn to oppose the budget in all its forms. Politics is so much fun. Just make sure not to assume it ever makes much sense. And enjoy your rebate next year in advance of the thousands of dollars you'll be paying for those extra home heating oil and gasoline taxes in 2011, which at least is an election year. In this corner, we can hardly wait. ■

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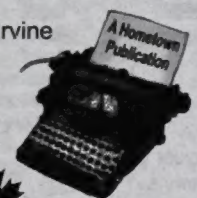
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Dear Editor:

April 1st, 2009

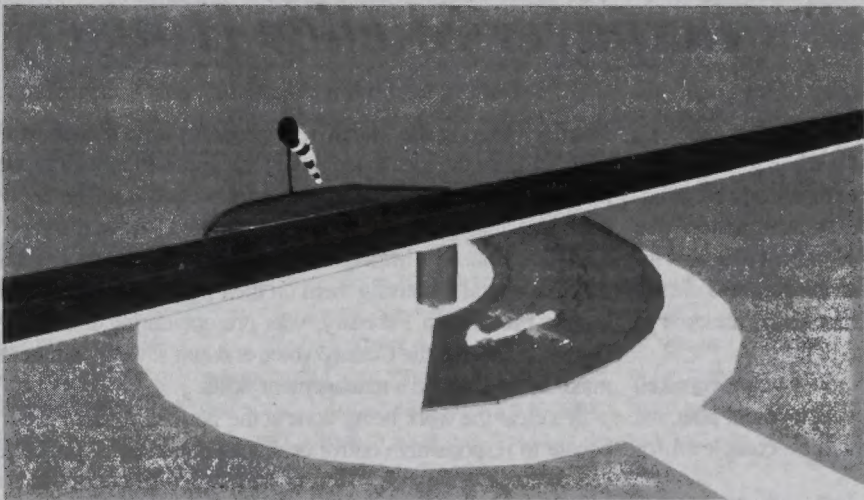
"How can one fault the home-grown technology displayed in this design?"

On observing so much controversy over a proposed second runway at Stanhope's Airport, I have consulted my professional Technology Team, and they have developed the unbelievably innovative solution now to be disclosed. As you study the accompanying diagram you will immediately grasp the significance of this design. Utilizing the latest achievements in nano-technology and hyper dimensional physics, a super lightweight runway is constructed, and then suspended atop a central cylinder such as one might see in an auto repair shop. This revolving runway, with its 360 degree rotation, will always align itself with the direction of the prevailing wind. This alignment is accomplished through a series of servo motors which rotate the runway keeping its orientation in sync with the windsock. [This operation utilizes a wind generator for power; hence, when Hydro One fails, this system keeps going.] As well, gusty conditions and a shifting runway might dictate a bit more vigilance on the part of the pilot.

For access to the runway pilots simply ascend and descend the convenient spiral taxiway. Who can argue against the merit of this ingenious approach? And speaking of approaches: the runway approach will not be fixed over any one area – let us all enjoy the take-offs and landings. Also note: as the runway is situated above the surrounding terrain it will eliminate the pesky 'tall tree topping' dilemma.

How can one fault the home-grown technology displayed in this design? With such futuristic thinking this innovative gem will become our descendants' treasure.

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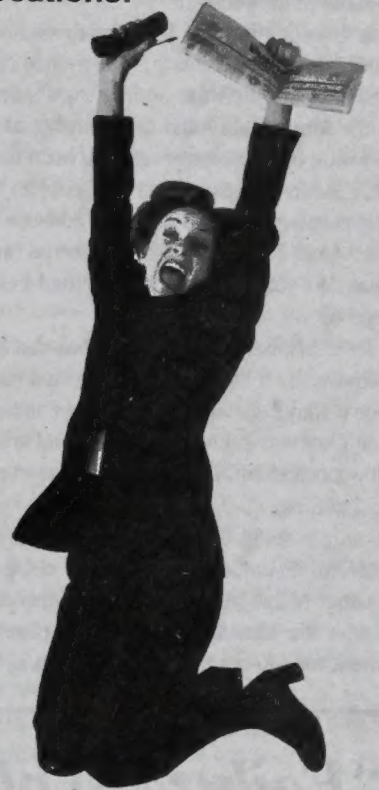
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Drag River Oil Seepage Continues

MOE conducting More Tests

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Early this year there was renewed activity on the Drag River to address a long standing problem. When increasing incidents of a rainbow-like sheen were noted on the water below Highland Street last summer and a faint odour of fuel in the area became more prevalent, the Ministry of the Environment decided to step up their monitoring of a seepage that has continued intermittently for more than 20 years. New bore holes have now been drilled and five additional monitoring wells installed to try to pin down the source of the problem.

This longstanding fuel leak remains a bit of an anomaly as the source is intermittent and can't be pinned down. When the County Voice looked into the problem last summer, we learned that both the Municipality and the Ministry of Environment (MOE) were aware of the seepage and had been for some time.

MOE's files indicated that the problem went back to 1984 to seepages believed to have originated from an underground heating fuel tank. Ministry records indicated that since that time, any oil that had soaked into the bank had been accounted for and cleaned up.

In 1998 Ministry records indicated that they became aware of an initiative by a 'coalition of interested residents to support and further walleye spawning bed reconstruction activities.' A remediation plan was submitted to the Ministry along with a request for support and MOE has been actively involved in monitoring since that time.

From time to time, particularly when the river is high, seepages continue to be noted. The Dysart et al Operations Manager and Fire Chief Miles Maughan has a cooperative working relationship with the Ministry and when seepages are reported his department tries to control them by placing booms and absorbent

in the river. Both the Ministry and Maughan acknowledged that even though the fuel tank was dug up and the excavation replaced with fresh gravel, the problem has persisted and the placement of booms and absorbent will continue when required to keep the seepage down to an acceptable level.

According to Jamie Mugford, Project Coordinator for MOE, site investigations and assessments have been undertaken since 1999. Since February of 2005 the Ministry has been conducting visual inspections in the vicinity of the seepages on the Drag River on a monthly basis.

When asked what the Ministry considers to be acceptable levels of seepage into the rivers, Mugford advised that there should be no visible sheen or discoloration, and no odour detected. This is a clear indication that the problem cannot be considered acceptable by residents for much longer.

Jennifer Volpato, Acting District Engineer for the Peterborough District MOE Office confirmed that observations made last year indicated an increased amount of oil seepage relative to previous years. Volpato suggested that it is possible that heavy snowfalls and associated spring melting, along with greater amounts of rainfall caused the oil to seep into the river at greater rates on occasion.

Volpato says, "Because of this the Ministry's Technical Support Section was engaged to undertake an updated field inspection and technical assessment, including a review of the current approach to monitoring and containment. After their initial assessment the Support Section recommended that further delineation of the source be undertaken." In order to achieve that, the Ministry undertook an additional subsurface investigation in February of this year.

According to Volpato, the initial phase of their investigation this spring included installing ten boreholes, and converting five of them into monitoring wells. Soil samples were collected on site and submitted to the Ministry Laboratory to be analyzed for petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organics (gases from a wide array of products, including paints and lacquers, paint strippers, cleaning supplies, pesticides and building materials.) This was only the initial phase of the undertaking as further sampling and analysis is required before the Ministry is prepared to comment further. Results are not anticipated until sometime later in the year.

Volpato says that the monitoring wells installed this spring will be surveyed into the existing monitoring well network. Once the survey has been completed the wells will also be sampled and the samples submitted for analysis. Volpato estimates that this stage of the project will be completed during 2009.

The frustrating part of the process is that the source remains elusive even after 25 years and once again, a government agency has decided to study the matter further, at taxpayers' expense, rather than take some conclusive action. Ministry officials report that to date they have expended over \$200,000, out of the Province's Environmental Clean-Up Fund, installing test holes and continuing with their monitoring program. This figure has undoubtedly increases substantially with the work conducted in February and will continue to do so as the investigation continues.

In the interim residents concerned about this continuing problem must rely on the resources of the Dysart et al Fire Department to do everything they can to keep the problem under control. The County Voice will continue to report on this environmentally sensitive issue. ■

"Failure to plan is to plan for failure." (Taxpayer Shelley Houser)

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was part of the rationale for approving an additional 2.5 percent increase to the budget. Option #2 recommended accepting the expenditure, but financing the project was to be discussed in closed session.

Councillor Barbara Reid voiced concern about the expenditure, saying that it was clear in January that expenses for Riverwalk would be paid out of gas tax revenue. She said, "There is no provision in the budget for Riverwalk." Reid commented on the fact that no substantive site investigation had been done and the cost could be subject to change. She said, "Given the problems that we encountered with the arena dressing room, I would like to know why we are being asked to approve this expenditure."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed that there was no money earmarked specifically for the project, but said that if Council wanted Riverwalk completed in a way that would allow pedestrian traffic in certain areas, this is what it would take, adding that otherwise there could be safety issues.

Reid cautioned that Council should stick to the message they were given in February by the Treasurer during their budget deliberations that they should say no to additional requests for funding. When she suggested seeking grant money for the project, Murdoch said that she had spoken with the CAO and Treasurer and believed that they could proceed.

Murdoch went on to say that as far as the increase to the budget was concerned, she had approved it to cover just this type of project, rather than the economic development plan. Murdoch added that she believed other Councillors had done the same.

Murdoch said, "If Riverwalk isn't an example of economic development already in place, I don't know what is. Without this work Riverwalk will not be complete."

Reid said, "Then we will be using the money for the economic development plan for Riverwalk. We have to be clear and open that we are spending committed money on another project."

Murdoch again said that the increase to the budget had been voted on for this purpose. She also said that in the case of government funding the municipality would have to match any contributions received. Murdoch suggested that Reid's 'assumption' that they would proceed with the economic development plan was incorrect. Reid responded that proceeding with the plan was clearly the basic assumption and asked that the minutes be checked to clarify this.

Reeve Jim McMahon said, "Whether the money was earmarked for Riverwalk or Phase 1 of the economic development plan, we did unanimously agree that Riverwalk would be completed for the sesquicentennial."

Reid agreed with McMahon's point, but voiced her dismay that the money had not been included in the budget two months ago. She told Council that her concern was that the work hadn't been budgeted and that issues like this keep popping up and eventually there will be nothing to fund them.

The decision was deferred until after Council's closed session and, while a resolution was passed approving the expenditure, there was no mention of how it would be financed. Clerk Cheryl McCarroll could only say that Council would seek alternate financing.

This isn't the only unbudgeted amount that has been authorized by Council since their controversial budget was passed in February. There is no doubt that the expenditures are necessary, but rate payers may well have good reason to ask why they weren't budgeted. Immediately after the budget was approved, Council was asked for (and approved) \$13,000 to conduct soil testing as part of the environmental assessment work needed to move forward with the water tower project. This was included in the subsequent water and sewer budget.

There is also the matter of furnishings for the new Minden library. Costs for furnishings and equipment are presently estimated to be in excess of \$100,000 and while fund raising initiatives are planned, if they do not meet their targets Minden Hills will have to assume responsibility for any outstanding costs. According to

Murdoch (during the March 12th meeting) even though Minden Hills initiated the idea to submit a joint application with Dysart et al to the Trillium Foundation, the opportunity was passed by. Murdoch said an application would be submitted later in the year.

Shelley Houser, a Minden Hills taxpayer who made a presentation to Council chastising them on their performance during their budget meeting in February, was present during this meeting. Houser contacted the County Voice and had several comments to make about Council's management skills.

"It's clear the work being done at the Township office is not adequate to responsibly control or manage operations, public projects or taxpayers' funds," Houser said. "An offshoot of this is that Councillors don't receive the depth of information necessary for responsible decision making."

Houser maintains that there needs to be a review of the administrative process. "While there is a lot of talent in the municipal office, a review of checks and balances needs to be conducted and risk-exposure identified. If training and education is also identified as a need, a process could be implemented by Council to ensure that staff can excel at their jobs."

According to Houser, the only plan in place for the decision making by Council right now is the budget, which she says appears to be irrelevant, with no concern for accountability to spend within it.

She also said, "Council is waffling on the approval of the Economic Development Plan. The Township is floundering without any direction and will continue to do so as long as they make knee-jerk decisions in the absence of full information and a workable plan with a vision for the future of the Township."

Houser said, "Failure to plan is to plan for failure."

Reeve Jim McMahon later confirmed that the funds would come from several sources. "We've submitted an application to Haliburton County Development Corporation for Riverwalk and I'm

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Groundswell Introduced to County Council

*"It's a matter of public land use rather than just the management of a recreational trail."
County Council is wearing blinkers about the possibilities that the Rail Trail has to offer.*

Last week the County Council was introduced to a new concept called Groundswell. To call Groundswell an actual organization may be taking a bit of giant leap at this point, as it's more of a movement, with no formal structure. It is, according to Pamela Marsales who spoke to Council, simply an ad hoc group of people who have expressed an interest in developing a collaborative vision for the Rail Trail.

Marsales, who was a member of the Rail Trail Committee for four years, resigned from the Committee last year. At the time she said it was not possible to effectively represent the interests of non-motorized recreational users of the Rail Trail within the constraints of the Committee and what she called its narrow focus.

In her letter of resignation Marsales said that a potentially valuable public asset was being managed, using public resources, to the benefit of vested interests and to the detriment of the community with little regard for public accountability. She also said that as an independent concerned citizen she would continue to advocate for review and change in the hopes that County Council would take another look at how the trail is used. And Marsales is doing just that.

Groundswell is a very apt name for this ad hoc group as, without formal leadership or overt expression, they are seeking a change in political sentiment, that being how the trail is used and managed. Marsales described the group as "an ad hoc committee working collaboratively to develop a new vision for the Haliburton County Rail Trail."

Marsales brought a huge binder along with her which was divided into 48 categories of research specific to Rail Trails. She told the Council that she had developed the research herself over the last five years with the help of a number of dedicated volunteers and that the group had decided it was time for the launch of Groundswell.

According to Marsales, Groundswell has connections with the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), a Washington based non-profit organization working with communities to preserve rail corridors by transforming them into trails. Their mission is to create a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and transform the dream of a trail into a tangible community asset.

Marsales told Council that she had contacts with people with various types of expertise including tour operators, businesses that serve the Rail Trail and volunteer advocates who are making things happen in the County and who also form part of Groundswell. She mentioned a number of interested parties including Mac Ellis, President of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, Sheila Zyman from the Haliburton Land Trust, local historian Leo Dobrzynski and Margaret Dobrzynski who have prepared a film on the history of the trail and Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve.

"I'm here today to ask Council to begin to understand the benefits that collaboration with our group would have," said Mar-

sales. She said that their goal was to establish a new vision for the trail and in order to do so, she would like to return next month after holding a number of meetings with County staff on various topics, including planning, tourism and economic development which she said all fit into the research required.

"We feel that we could save the County money and even make new money as well as a better community for Haliburton."

The Council had no questions of Marsales or comments to make while she was present. However, after the presentation Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison (who was appointed during the same meeting as the Council representative to the Trails and Tours Network) suggested that a presentation should be made to the Rail Trail Committee rather than Council.

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed, but suggested that to bring new business to the Council would be appropriate. In response to a question from CAO Jim Wilson about meetings with staff, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "This must come to some kind of conclusion. If there is to be a multi-use trail (Groundswell) needs to come back and say how they can work in harmony with other groups. Let them come back with a proposal of something tangible that we can decide on." Council concurred with this sentiment.

Marsales however, later said, "County Council is wearing blinkers about the possibilities that the Rail Trail has to offer. They don't seem to want to be educated or to look at other options and they certainly don't want to hear a new vision."

Marsales said that as the Rail Trail is owned by the County it is public land and should be subject to the Official Plan review. She said, "It can be seen, as approximately 254 acres of parkland. It used to be advertised in a lot of different publications as a hiking and biking trail, but it has evolved into much more because the County is managing it ostensibly as a shared use trail. I think that needs to be examined carefully."

She acknowledged that it will require a lot of work and education about what a Rail Trail could be: "Considerable consensus building would be needed within the community of various elements, or components of the community that have been disenfranchised by the management strategy of the County."

Marsales said that as the owners, County Council need more education about what that Rail Trail could mean to the County overall and added that would not happen with the existing committee struc-

ture. Marsales said that dozens of other Rail Trails have been researched which had led her to believe so much in the need for education.

"With Groundswell we're hoping to bring together health interests, ethical interests, arts, small business and tourism which are all different components that make up the County. It is a big job but if you look at how other Rail Trails have been developed, you need to start at the grass roots level with education about what there is to gain or lose." According to Marsales, unless you know the full extent of the possibilities, it's all just words.

"It's a matter of public land use rather than just the management of a recreational trail. The Rail Trails become parkland and part of the identity and heritage of the community. After all, the railway is part of what formed the community in the first place and I feel that our residents may have lost touch with that. It has become a contentious recreational trail issue rather than part of our heritage."

Speaking to the structure of the Committee, Marsales said that it consisted of trail user groups with no real representation for the general public's interests. She said, "Its management must come back to a conversation between the public at large and County Council and that can happen through the Official Plan review."

Marsales spoke of the substantial tourism potential the trail would have without motorized use including agri-tourism, eco-tourism, bird watching, hiking and a number of activities that she says are not compatible with ATV's.

According to Marsales, many other municipalities that own Rail Trails (similar in size to Haliburton) have ceased ATV use on their trails and are now improving them in sections.

"The County has an asset and the Council should educate themselves about all the possibilities before making decisions."

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

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County roads Patrol Superintendent Bryan Neville Retires after 35 Years of Service

Last Wednesday, County Council honoured Bryan Neville, who is retiring from the County of Haliburton after 35 years of service. Neville was hired on June 10th, 1974 and worked as a Powderman with CUPE Local 1960 for many years. In 1998 he was granted the position of Acting Patrol Superintendent and in April of 1999 he took on the job permanently and has been working in that position since. During his time with the County, Neville was an active union member and served as President of Local 1960 for a number of years. Warden Dave Burton made a presentation to Neville at the end of the Council meeting and Neville joined Council for lunch. Director of Roads Doug Ray said that as a powderman, Neville was responsible for creating all of the beautiful rock cuts that we see along the County roads. ■



Pictured above are Doug Ray, County Director of Roads, Bryan Neville and Warden Burton

Monday Night Competitive Curling League Champs



The Monday Night Competitive Curling League came to an end last week at the Haliburton Curling Club. The Delta Pinestone sponsored team won the overall championship with a last rock shot in the last end of an exciting game. The team will now represent Haliburton in the Dominion Insurance Playdowns to be held in Milton and Toronto next November. Pictured above are the team members; Larry Holden (second); Terry Roche (vice); Dave Connell (skip) and Case Bassie (lead). ■

Hodgson, Duchene and Troop Will Play St. Mike's Tonight

The Brampton Battalion swept away the Petes last Thursday at the Memorial in Peterborough in their first round Ontario Hockey League (OHL) best of seven series.

Haliburton's Matthew Duchene had a goal and an assist to lead the Battalion to a 3-2 win and a 4-0 series victory.

Duchene finished the series with four goals and four assists.



Matthew Duchene had a goal and an assist last Thursday when the Brampton Battalion clinched their first best of seven series against Peterborough.

Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson led all Brampton players in scoring with 11 points in the four game tilt.

Brampton will be starting their second series tonight in Brampton against Mississauga St. Mike's.

"Right now we need to prepare the way we normally would early in any week," Battalion coach Stan Butler said Monday via battalion.com. "Either Tuesday or Wednesday, we'll get

a lot more specific to the team we're playing."

Hodgson, who earned an assist on Brad Albert's game winning and series clinching goal last Thursday, said that it feels good to advance through that minefield first round.

In the last two seasons, the highly touted Battalion were ousted by the lowly Barrie Colts.

"It feels great to finally win a series," said Hodgson, after Thursday's win. "But this is just a small part of what we're trying to accomplish here."

Hodgson added that it was extra special to be able to play that final game in Peterborough so close to his Haliburton cottage.

"This is always a special place for me to play. I always have lots of family and friends here, and it's nice to close out the series here," said Hodgson.

No less special for Duchene, who has his own retinue of fans that pop down Buckhorn road every time the Troops are in the Pete.

"I was excited to get the Petes in the first round," said Duchene. "I thought we matched up well against them. It's great for Cody and me to win our first playoff series before so many friends and family."

And now, the waiting game and the mish mash of seeding outcomes.

Game time is 7 pm in Brampton. ■

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Doctors, Health Board Develop Plan to keep Baby Bed

Public has until April 19th to voice objections

Stephen Patrick

Editor

Haliburton's only obstetrics bed will not be going away any time soon, if the Health Services Board can possibly prevent it. At last week's Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board meeting, CEO Paul Rosebush vowed to provide the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) with a comprehensive plan that would answer the LHIN's objections to the current service.

At last month's board meeting the LHIN presented a Clinical Services Plan that recommended the closing of Haliburton's obstetrics services, headed by Dr. Norm Bottum, who has just been appointed President of the Medical Staff. The LHIN objected to the service because of the low number of births in the past few years (on average between 8 and 12) meant that the nursing staff would not receive adequate training, among other reasons. At the time of their report the LHIN was unaware that the Ministry of Health had already agreed to fund a Midwifery Service in Haliburton County, which has already set up shop under leadership of Rebecca Weeks-Toth. At the board meeting Dr. Bottum pointed out that besides being a veteran midwife, Ms. Weeks-Toth was also a seasoned nursing instructor in obstetrics, and had already planned to upgrade local nurses' skills.

In an effort to involve all the stakeholders in this decision, CEO Rosebush held two public meetings on the issue, and heard overwhelming support for the continuation of the service. Other board members reported strong support as well from many community members. The only negative reaction was from a group of nurses themselves, who were concerned that their training might not be adequate. Dr. Bottum then pointed out that there was already a training plan in the works for the nurses: as well, Medical Chief of

Staff Dr. Steve Ferracuti noted that the safety record in obstetrics over the years was excellent.

Dr. Bottum and Ms. Weeks-Toth already have a plan in the works to share the birthing responsibilities, an alternative model that they hope will answer the LHIN's concerns. One irony in this whole discussion was that the LHIN, along with recommending the bed be closed, would also require both the Haliburton and Minden hospitals Emergency services to be enhanced so that they could cope with the inevitable: i.e. babies who suddenly decide to be born in the middle of the night and have decided they don't want to wait for the trip to Peterborough or Lindsay. So why not keep the professional obstetrics service the way it is, if the service will for certain be necessary anyway?

The LHIN will be accepting any public input up until April 19th. Check out their website at www.centraleastlhlin.on.ca.

In other HHHS news, the Health Services Foundation's Dale Walker outlined the plans to raise the \$361 for the 70 stationary ceiling lifts that have been purchased, and to begin plans to help fund the Electronic Health Records initiative. The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's Judy Skinner also reported that the Annual Geranium Sale was well underway, with orders being taken up until May 8th or delivery or pickup on May 23rd. Order forms are available in the Haliburton Hospital Gift Shop.

Mrs. Skinner also reported that, in consultation with Patient Care Manager Debbie Watson, changes had been made to the Capital Equipment priorities. The Auxiliary will now be providing financial support for the purchase of a Complete Blood Count lab analyzer which will be installed this year. ■

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Emergency Response Group Saves Gooderham from Flooding During Emergency Exercise

"It's so easy to check on your neighbour and it could save a life." (Irene Cook)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

On Thursday March 19th early in the afternoon flood waters from the Irondale River inundated homes in Gooderham and spilled over the highways effectively blocking a good portion of the community from accessing higher ground. At least that's what the Highlands East Emergency Response Group was faced with during their annual emergency exercise.

During this extensive mock-up almost 200 residents were successfully evacuated from Gooderham to a staging area in Tory Hill and then made comfortable in an evacuation centre in Wilberforce until the flood waters subsided or, in reality, the exercise was completed.

Every municipality is required by the Emergency Management Act (EMA) to prepare an emergency response plan and review it each year. In addition to reviewing their plan which provides for a coordinated response to emergencies threatening the community, municipalities must also train emergency personnel and hold an exercise to test how well their plan works, review and ensure that the critical infrastructure is ready to be used during an emergency and complete and review a risk assessment of threats most likely to impact the community.

Irene Cook holds the position of Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) in Highlands East and plays a very key role during any and all emergencies impacting the community. According to Cook, their exercise this was quite unique.

A number of months ago, Cook was approached by Anne Turney, a student from Sir Sanford Fleming College who is working on emergency risk management. Cook said Turney wanted to know if the Municipality was interested in having the students plan and operate their exercise. According to Cook, the compulsory annual exercise and associated training can cost as much as three to four thousand dollars if you hire a consultant to assist them. The Municipality jumped at the change to work in concert with the students.

Cook said, "It was a very comprehensive program. The exercise was held in Norwood at the Eastern Ontario Fire Academy which is an excellent training facility. The students were staged in one area to role play and make calls into the operations centre with updated information or requests for assistance. They set the scenario and none of the Highlands East people had any advance information making it much more challenging for us."

"The Highlands East control group was joined by representatives from the District Health Unit, OPP officers from Minden, the County's Director of EMS (and Emergency Services) Pat Kennedy, as well as Fire Chief Bill Wingrove, the Reeve and alternates for our Roads Superintendent and Environmental/Property Supervisor.

Reeve Dave Burton said that fortunately his Council has not yet had to deal with a real emergency. "The last time the municipality had to deal with an emergency was during the tornado in 2005." He said he found it an eye opening experience and an excellent opportunity to practice roles and responsibilities. According to Burton the control group gathered around a scrum table and planned out various aspects of the exercise as the flood waters rose. Burton, who was tasked with preparing press releases worked closely with Cook as the CEMC.

He said that as part of the simulation, the OPP provided a helicopter for him to do aerial assessments of the flood site, sand bags had to be filled and transported and crews sent out to help with the evacuation. He said, "The flooding was caused by an ice jam and once that broke up, we had to worry about homes downstream."

According to Burton one of the more challenging aspects of the exercise is determining the appropriate time to actually declare a state of emergency and advise Emergency Management Ontario (EMO), which allows the Council to bring in extra resources. Once a state of emergency is declared the Municipality (and its residents) becomes eligible for funding. It also ensures that volunteers are covered by Workers Compensation, allows staff and volunteers to work longer than normal hours and enables the Municipality to take extraordinary measures like opening landfills or closing roads.

According to Burton there were a number of excellent examples of this during the exercise. "There were a number of homeowners who experienced both personal and property damage. There was a simulated bus accident at Bark Lake and a pregnant woman became stranded during the flood. While injuries were

minor, a lot of homes experienced flooding and problems were encountered with people refusing to leave their homes."

Cook said, "We have been making a number of changes and improvements to our plan." According to Cook, the fact that the weather is becoming more extreme creates the need to plan for new and unanticipated scenarios. She said that the Council is extremely supportive when it comes to the safety of their residents and when the going gets tough, "They're right out there helping in any way they can."

According to Cook, back-up generators have been installed in the Gooderham Community Centre, in their main office in Wilberforce and in the community centre in Cardiff. A generator has been budgeted for this year and will be installed in the community centre in Highland Grove.

Cook said, "Our office is the primary Emergency Operations Centre, but we have back up power in the community centres so we can set up a centre in a number of locations, depending on the geographic location of the emergency."

After a particularly nasty storm during the winter months, Council adopted a policy that allows management staff to open community centres in areas that have been particularly hard hit. Cook said, "This will assist people who are experiencing distress. In the event of a hydro loss we can now open the centres and allow people to warm up, get water and cook their own meals even if it isn't a full blown emergency."

"We're working on a number of initiatives, not only for ourselves, but with the help of the County as well," said Cook. One of her projects is to establish a list of people with medical problems or disabilities to ensure that they are provided special assistance during an emergency. According to Cook at a recent County meeting, representatives from all the municipalities discussed establishing a registry of pre-screened volunteers, creating a standardized registration form for volunteers and establishing a public inquiry line.

Cook says that County has also been discussing the acquisition of common radio systems that each municipality could use during an emergency. "Each of the municipalities is limited in both employees and resources and the more we can share and offer assistance to each other, the better."

The County will also be doing a flood awareness campaign in the local newspapers over the next several weeks, which according to Cook is timely and extremely important in the southern portion of the County. She said, "We're very prone to flooding where the Irondale, Burnt and Drag Rivers meet."

Highlands East will also be preparing and sending out newsletters as inserts with the tax notices that will include information about setting up a 72 hour home emergency kit.

Cook stressed the importance of being a good neighbour in the event of a storm or power outage. She said, "It's so easy to check on your neighbour and it could save a life." She also said that residents who are better prepared to deal with emergencies because their homes are wired for back-up power should make every attempt to open their homes to other family members or neighbours, adding that it can make a world of difference to those in need.

The Municipality's Emergency Response Plan is posted on their website and copies are available at their office. In addition there is a list of contact numbers, basic instructions on what to do in an emergency, what to take with you to an emergency shelter and information that residents can refer to when putting together their 72 hour emergency kit. For more information please check out their website, www.highlandseast.ca.



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On April 6, 1909, American explorer Robert Peary accomplishes a long elusive dream when he and Matthew Henson reach what they determine to be the North Pole. Decades after Peary's death, however, navigational errors in his travel log surfaced, placing the expedition in all probability a few miles short of its goal.

On April 7, 1891, American showman P.T. Barnum dies in Bridgeport, Conn. The 81-year-old Barnum's sense of humor never deserted him. He requested that a New York paper run his obituary before he died so he could enjoy reading it, and the paper obliged.

On April 8, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorizes almost \$5 million to implement work-relief programs. Hoping to lift the country out of the Great Depression, Congress allowed the president to use the funds at his discretion. The act was unprecedented and remains the largest system of public-assistance relief programs in the nation's history.

On April 9, 1969, the Chicago Eight, indicted on federal charges of conspiracy to cross state lines with intent to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, plead not guilty. The trial turned into a circus as the defendants and their attorneys used the court as a platform to attack President Nixon, the Vietnam War, racism and oppression.

On April 10, 1953, "House of Wax," starring Vincent Price, opens at New York's Paramount Theater. The first color three-dimensional picture, the movie had to be viewed through special glasses.

On April 11, 1945, the American Third Army liberates the Buchenwald concentration camp, near Weimar, Germany, a camp that will be judged second only to Auschwitz in the horrors it imposed on its prisoners. Among those saved by the Americans was Elie Wiesel, who would go on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986.

On April 12, 1861, the Civil War begins when Confederate shore batteries under General P.G.T. Beauregard open fire on Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston Bay in South Carolina. During the next 34 hours, 50 Confederate guns and mortars launched more than 4,000 rounds at the poorly supplied fort.



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Tongues Untied – Loud and Clear!

Fourth Annual High School Rails End Exhibit Challenges and Delights



Cindy Chow's Story Book

Tongues Untied is the provocative title for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's (HHSS) annual Portfolio Class at the Rails End Gallery, and as in previous years, it doesn't disappoint.

Twelve students from the class of HHSS Visual Arts Teacher Karen Gervais worked with local artist Jennifer Wanless-Craig to present the exhibition. Technical support was provided by Media Arts' Tammy Rea and Photographer Rebekah Damboise.

In her introduction to Tongues Untied Wanless-Craig stated that she had wanted the 12 students to provide her with "Life Statements". "I had anticipated groans and a meek attempt to humour me. What I got were the most provocative, forthright responses. Though deeply personal, they came disguised in secret letters, typed documents, origami cranes, collaged posters and Day-Glo pop culture references ... their honest replies humbled me and made me feel honoured.

"For six weeks we researched materials, processes and our artistic contemporaries, purging our feelings through the cathartic engagement in the arts ... process over product became our mantra."

The 12 students, Moriah Bagg, Carolyn Barnes, Kristen Campbell, Cindy Chou, Robyn Crawley, Megan Cunningham, Chantal Cyr, Maddie Ferracuti, Leah Grant, Carley Lacy, Ashley McAllister, and Claire Tam each created works that are indeed deeply personal, and yet bravely and effectively reach out to a wide audience.

Cindy Chou, for example, re-made an illustrated children's book to illustrate her disparate lives: "In this artist book, I share my exchange student life with you. I'm from Taiwan, which is a small island country in Asia. I'm from Taipei, which is the capital of my country. I'm in Haliburton now, which is the most amazing place I've ever seen in my life.

"I thought of new stories for the pictures, and new pictures for the original words according to my experiences in Haliburton. I sewed the original book and the new pages together just like how I have sewn my two very different lives together... Now this book is finally here, in this gallery; in front of you. Now, imagine a year with me."

In another highly original piece, Maddie Ferracuti uses textiles,



Maddie Ferracuti's Fallow

beads, rose petals, and an old doll house to illustrate how, "I have come to the sad realization that magic does not exist: I am not going to turn over a log and find a fairy. I won't ever be able to fly, as hard as I used to try... however, there is on way I can make my childhood desires real, and this is through art ... and so I choose to recreate the dreams I used to think were true. My work Fallow is a representation of how I want my life to be: full of the extraordinary."

Claire Tam's secret is that "Graffiti for me has never been an ugly thing. I grew up in a fairly large city and even as a small kid, I saw the beauty of street art. I was attracted to the colourful, raw and vivid style of these street writers... nobody had to convince me that graffiti was a beautiful act of self-expression... I see the adoption of monikers by these artists in order to write freely as the most basic sense of freedom and self-expression in today's age."

Tongues Untied is open at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton until April 25th. The exhibition was made possible with a project grant from the Ontario Arts Council and will support from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.



Claire Tam's Graffiti

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Opera with a Twist and a Kiss a Blast

Haliburton Concert Series kicks off 2009 with Andi and Peter, the Opera

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter



Peter and Andi Alexander wowed the crowd at Northern Lights

Andi and Peter Alexander met, fell in love and married. Sounds simple.

Of course, love is never that simple.

Nor should it be. If it was an opera, there might be a disapproving father, a scheming diva, or if we're really lucky, a swashbuckling pirate or nefarious ne'er do well added to the mix. The job of opera centers on complicating that inevitable trek to the altar.

Last Saturday night, Andi and Peter Alexander met and fell in love all over again - at the Northern Lights Pavilion - in a nifty little all-encompassing piece of performance-theater marking the opening of the 2009 Haliburton Concert Series.

Their real life romance was encapsulated in a lively and entertaining musical dovetail entitled "Opera with a Twist and a Kiss." The evening of eclectic song, fun and frolic, showcased the myriad and mellifluous talents of the husband and wife duo of Andi and Peter Alexander, a Vancouver-based couple who bring a wealth of persona, pop, and prowess to the stage.

Andi is an accomplished mezzo-soprano, stage director and producer. She recently made a debut with the Vancouver Island Symphony in the Messiah and she is a regular soloist with Sinfonia, Orchestra of the North Shore. Her voice is compellingly rich and luxuriant. Recently Andi has been narrowing her focus to opera including leading roles as "Orfeo" in Gluck's Orfeo and Euridice and Miss Todd in Menotti's Old Maid and the Thief.

Peter's greatest passion is to perform on the world stage and he is an undeniably captivating presence. Peter's long list of credits include Antonio in the Marriage of Figaro, and Schaunard in la Boheme. Peter also played Bob in Old Maid and the Thief. His Oratorio highlights include Messiah, Elijah Haydn's Creation and Carmina Burana, which he performed in a Ballet BC production choreographed by John Alleen.

Peter and Andi are involved in the renowned a cappella trio MAGI, with tenor Nathan Zadworny. Many of MAGI's contemporary pieces are blends of gospel, jazz and classical arranged and composed by Andi.

They were ably assisted last Saturday by the solid piano accompaniment of Karen Lee-Morlang, who is a Vancouver-based pianist well known for her collaborative work. With her passion for reaching new audiences, Karen often organizes chamber music and art song recitals around the Lower BC Mainland. She has formerly directed various recital series at the Vancouver Art Gallery, the UBC Main Library and the University Women's Club; and recently completed a three-year project with the UBC Learning Exchange in the Downtown Eastside coordinating the Music Appreciation 101 course.

Lee-Morlang is a buoyant, dynamic and exuberant presence, and the perfect foil for a night of love's folly. She is also a delightful personality who managed the show, not only with her free-flowing fingers, but also with her abundant and beguiling narrative wit and dry unpretentious delivery. She is in a word: delightful.

Lee-Morlang introduced the protagonists at the beginning of the evening, and she kept the sold out house in stitches with her lively little asides and timely narrative sound bites.

After a particularly poignant moment and strikingly vibrant

mezzo flourished finish, Morlang turned to the audience and winked. "I told you she was a firecracker." The audience gobbled it up.

If Andi provided the fireworks, Peter carried the plot, with a wink, a nod or a capricious nudge. Charming and amusing, Peter won the crowd with that smile, his self-deprecating, insouciant grace and his theatrical chops.

The first act traced the beginnings of Peter and Andi's romance.

The performance began with a selection from Old Maid and the Thief, before moving moved on to Bizet's Carmen. Andi was unflappable in a beautifully constructed delivery of Habanera from Carmen. And Peter was no less instinctive and convincing in his rendition of Toreador.

The second half of the performance ramped up with the twist, introduced by Lee-Morlang singing Makin' Whoopie. "Another bride; Another groom; Another sunny, Honeymoon; Another season, Another reason, For makin' whoopee." The song provided that all-important juxtaposition, and twist of plot and timing, that usually presages disaster in opera.

"Oh, oh, trouble in paradise," Lee-Morlang whispers in a theatrical aside to the audience after wrapping up her delightful rendition of Whoopie.

And indeed, there was. Trouble that is.

The next song Peter sang, "I know How they Gossip" explained the problem. People talk. People shouldn't. But they do. And of course, loose lips sinking large ships goes to the heart and soul of most operas.

Gossip served to illuminate Peter's unique talents and also gave him free reign to cast that inevitable pall over the blossoming romance. Peter was able to bring the full range of his emotive talents - and they are captivating and unassailable - to bear on the song.

It served to cast some aspersions on our young hero. But love, as they say, will out in the end. Andi and Peter filter through the residual detritus of the rumors and innuendo to find, in music from the Magic Flute - including "Ein madchem oder weibchen" and Di provenza - some solace from the storm.

And in the end, a beautiful rendition of "Con te partiro" (Time to Say Goodbye), manages to seal the paparazzi-manufactured chasm and as the play moves to denouement, the two lovers manage to dispel the fear, the rumors and the gossip, and once again find that spark that was there so rich and ebullient in that first act.

Like all good operas, Opera With Love and a Twist manages to end on the high note, both literally and figuratively.

An appreciative Haliburton crowd offered a standing ovation and Andi, Peter, and Lee-Morlang kindly replied with a thank you of their own.

They finished the night with a compelling encore: "The Prayer," by David Foster.

"I pray we'll find your light, and hold it in our hearts; When stars go out each night, Remind us where you are."

A nice note to end upon; after a very buoyant and compelling evening of music and fun. ■

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PH.D. LEVEL

7. Emus and kangaroos are on the Australian coat of arms because going backward is hard for them.
Answer _____

8. A California woman named Jill Price can remember every part of her life since she was 14.
Answer _____

9. The Mormon church wants to change the value of pi from 3.14159 to the "biblical value" of 3.0.
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Subject: APRIL FOOLS' DAY
True or False? Four are true. Five are false. (e.g., Italy harvests more spaghetti than any other country. Answer: False.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. No Lie MRI Inc. provides for the detection of deception stored in the brain.
Answer _____

2. Taco Bell Corp. hopes to buy the Liberty Bell and rename it the "Taco Liberty Bell"
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3. San Serriffe, a small island in the Indian Ocean, is the No. 1 holiday destination for Sri Lankans.
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Biologists have discovered a new species of life able to bore through ice.
Answer _____

5. Due to a translation error, Kimo Nakajimi thought he had to run for 26 days, not 26 miles, in the Boston Marathon.
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Lee-Morlang on piano narrated the love story between Peter and Andi.

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Spring Splash Marks End of Ski Season at Sir Sam's

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

It's a rite of spring.
Seventy foot puddle.
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Full deck and flamingoes.

This year's annual season-ending Spring Splash at Sir Sam's Ski Area was, as usual, a resounding success.

Punctuated with bikinis, Hawaiian shirts, snorkels, robots, sleds and some rambling ducks, the event went according to plan.

Well, that's if you consider huge and thundering collisions into a pool filled with icy water as part of your ersatz and benighted plan.

Sir Sam's resort co-owner Chris Bishop said that about 700 skiers showed up for the last day of the season. He added that another 100 spectators joined the festivities, viewing from the relative safety of the chalet deck.

"Over 100 skiers took part in the actual splash," said Bishop. Some of those participants entered more than once into the breach.

Ski instructor and local earth mover Doug Hogarth crashed into the icy 70-foot long puddle on 6 separate occasions.

Other skiers and boarders opted for the more traditional one run and done motif. Even under bright sunshine and 12-degree temperatures, it gets a little cold riding that chair lift soaking wet for a second kick at the frosty cat.

Bishop said that the annual duck race, which features a passel of rubber duckies riding a wave from the splash pool to a designated finish line carved in the snow was won by Robin Hogarth, who denied any relationship to the sopping wet Doug. Robin won \$390 for her winning rubber duckie. The other \$390.00 was split between the Sir Sam's Ski Patrol and the CADS (skiers with disabilities) program.

Saturday also featured the second in a series of AOS sanctioned boarder cross races.

Bishop said that even with the crazy weather this winter, which featured some ultra cold weather weekends, this was Sir Sam's second best season ever.

"We're very happy with that, all things considered," said Bishop.

Unlike previous years, Sir Sam's Ski Area will not be spending the spring getting ready for December.

This year they are faced with some daunting changes, changes which Bishop hopes will mark the area as a family-friendly four-season destination.

"I was saying goodbye to a few of our regulars on Saturday and was surprised to hear a lot of them say, 'Hey, not goodbye, we'll be back this summer for mountain biking,' and I almost forgot that we'll be seeing a lot of these people come June," laughed Bishop.

And of course that's all part and parcel of the new paradigm at Sir Sam's. This summer for the first time ever, the resort will be operating the chair lift for scenic rides and will also be operating mountain bike trails in conjunction with a full-throttle BMX bike park at the top of the hill.

Angela Bishop, another co-owner of the resort, will be organizing pony rides and there will also be some designated hiking trails on offer.

Food service and craft booths will be operating and Chris says that they would also be open for corporate events, and maybe some wedding receptions, but that all has to be looked at in the hard light of their inaugural summer season planning, which will be ongoing in the next month or so.

As well, Sir Sam's has now registered as a fall bus tour destination and they should be seeing traffic from tourist buses for the fall colors season especially.

They have a June 27th and 28th opening planned for the summer slate of events.

The mountain bike trails will be open on that weekend. Trails are designed for beginner to advanced riders. You have the options to ride the chairlift to the top and attach your bike to special mounts on the chair. There are a variety of downhill trails offered for those who are a little more adventurous.

Beginning July and August the resort will be open Wednesday to Sunday from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

It will be open on weekends only in September and up to Thanksgiving Weekend from 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Chairlift rides will be available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:30am to 2:30 pm for July and August. The chairlift will be open weekends only in September up to Thanksgiving weekend from 8:30am to 2:30pm. ■

An Ontario Cup Downhill Mountain Bike Race is scheduled for the week-

end of August 15 & 16th.

And starting this summer, Bishop says that the resort will also be hosting a Wednesday night fun league cross-country bike race. The races will take place in the early evening and will feature an inaugural meet and greet with a BBQ.

For more info contact Sir Sam's at 754-2298. ■



Two Bikes, Two Men and 2,000 Kilometers

Bruce Fisher and Dave Millington Prepare for Worthy and Demanding Ride

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

In less than three short months, Bruce Fisher and Dave Millington will hop on their bikes and head out on a 2,000-kilometre trip of a lifetime to the East coast. It may sound crazy, but there's a method to their madness.

Last summer, Fisher, a 69-year old retired local resident, was at a folk concert in his home province of Newfoundland when he was inspired to take on a considerable challenge.

"Every time my wife and I go down there we see the group Anchors Aweigh," explained Fisher in a recent interview with The Voice. "When they perform, they go around the audience and ask everyone where they're from and they sing about them. They told us about a show they had the night before where there was a 70-year-old man from British Columbia who biked in to the show."

Fisher figured that if that man could pull off a long distance bike ride, so could he. With the idea firmly planted in his head, he approached his good friend Dave Millington. Millington, a 66-year-old retiree who lives in Minden, was quite intrigued by the challenge that Fisher asked him to be a part of.

"Newfoundland is the only province that I haven't been in," said Millington, "so when he asked if I would go, like an idiot I said 'yes!'"

Both Fisher and Millington look and feel healthy for their age and that's probably due to the fact that they are adamant about staying physically active. Besides testing their limits on two wheels, they enjoy camping, curling, golfing and other recreational activities.

So why is that these two locals have chosen to take on a strenuous three to four week-long challenge that will test them physically and mentally, rather than opt to soak-up the summer sun? The answer is simple. It's for the kids.

Two years ago, Fisher met a local Special Olympics athlete, who he "thinks the world of", when he began to volunteer at the Minden food bank. Then last year he ran into John Kellet, head coach of the Haliburton County Special Olympics team, in Minden. Kellet happened to be fund-raising for the group at the time of their encounter.

"I heard that he worked with the Special Olympics team who curled at the Minden curling club," explained Fisher. "I approached him and asked if I could help to coach the team."

Kellet accepted Fisher's offer and brought him out to help teach the kids. For Fisher, it's been nothing short of an extraordinary experience.

"I've had the time of my life," he said. "I love these people. It's amazing how great they can make you feel."

After getting involved with the group, he decided to fund-raise for the athletes with the ride he had in mind.

"They definitely do need some funding," said Fisher. "Since we are going down anyway, I figured this would be a perfect time to try to raise some funds for them."

To date, they've managed to bring in about \$2,000 for the

cause. Seventy-percent of which Fisher says has come from his fellow Minden curling club members.

Although Haliburton County has faced a long winter season, these two athletes have already been preparing for their excursion with a few simple exercises.

"I've been using my stationary bike and have been walking quite a bit to try and get my legs in shape," said Millington, while Fisher added, "I use a treadmill and a stationary bike."

Along their 2,000-kilometer ride, a friend of Millington's will accompany them in his van with all the supplies they'll need on board. They're wives will drive down and meet them at their destination in Port aux Basques, known as the gateway to Newfoundland. They say that they will ride an average of 100-kilometres per day.

But will they attempt to ride back home?

"We may be crazy, but we're not stupid!" laughed Fisher. "We're just riding there and are driving back."

And if their bikes need a tune-up on the way, Millington's engineering degree just may come in handy.

"I'll be fixing the bikes if they break down," he joked.

The money they are raising for the local Special Olympics chapter will mainly be used to assist with transportation costs associated with getting athletes to and from events.

"We can use the money to rent a bus to go to the many events we have and use it to help cover costs of staying somewhere overnight," explained Kellet.

Special Olympics Ontario is a volunteer-based organization that is made up of 7,000 registered volunteer coaches, club managers,



John Kellett with Dave Millington and Bruce Fisher

fund-raisers and administrators who provide support to the over 16,000 athletes in the province. Special Olympics is "founded on the belief that people with intellectual disabilities can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy and benefit from participation in individual and team sport."

In Haliburton County, Kellet says there are currently about 20 active athletes in the area. With the Highlands located in a large geographic area, it can be a challenge to get athletes to the events if they live in a remote location.

"It's (transportation) a common problem for many of the organizations in this area," said Kellet. "Through fundraising, we're hoping to some sort of transportation service. What we also really need more of are volunteer drivers."

Kellet believes that even more Special Olympians will be able to compete at events if the transportation issue is solved.

As for the trip, Fisher and Millington are looking forward to it.

"My wife and I have toured every single road on the island," said Fisher, "so we'll be able to Dave's tour guide since he has never been there."

And just how long do they plan on staying on the East coast for? That decision rests on Millington's shoulders, says Fisher.

"That's entirely up to Dave," he said. "Once we're down there, he may just want to stay and live there until winter comes!"

To make a donation, contact Bruce at 705 489-1312 or Dave at 705 286-13220. Pledge forms will soon be available at various locations throughout the county. ■

Age no barrier - They came for the kids and stayed for the challenge

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It is a lifestyle. It is a pursuit. It is, says Chapman, humbling.

Deremo and MacKeigan, dressed in traditional karategi with black belts knotted loosely, are here tonight with four other female members of the club. Sensei Mike is careful to address them both individually as "sensei" an honorific which pays due homage to their tireless work ethic and their Sho Dan status.

Sensei Mike leaves the class to MacKeigan and Deremo. He moves to the exit spot on the floor, marked in yellow tape, faces the open floor-space and his students, places two hands together, and bows before leaving the practice floor. Karate is steeped with tradition. The 'Chito-Ryu' style, practiced by Kai Shin is a 'traditional' Japanese system. It stresses moral character above all benefits.

Chapman opened the club on April 4th of 2000 and he is understandably proud of his two newest Sho Dans. (Kyle Seabrooke and Martin Gage are two other black belts who train at Kai Shin Club.) Chapman says that only about one in 350 students make it to the Sho-Dan or first-degree black belt stage. MacKeigan started in his late forties and Deremo was over 50 when he first came to the sport. So they, more than most newcomers to karate, pummeled startling odds in earning their black belts.

He says both have worked very hard to progress through the stages. And he's very happy that both have committed to furthering their studies. "Some people get their black belt, say 'mission accomplished' and bam, they're gone," says Chapman, who is a Fifth Degree Go-Dan black belt and sensei.

No quit in MacKeigan or Deremo, smiles Chapman, whose club has grown from humble beginnings to 61 full time students. The actual testing, consisting of five straight hours, left both MacKeigan and Deremo on the cusp of exhaustion. Indeed, Bob broke a finger in the grueling set of tests, under the watchful eye of sensei Monty Guest. "I was very proud about the way they performed, a lot of candidates don't make it through the grading and of course we're very pleased here at Kai Shin, because we are producing black belts."

"The black belt is a very individual thing," says Chapman. "Bob is 59 so he's not going to be doing any spinning kicks," smiles Chapman.

If you can demonstrate a solid foundation on top of solid stance, you may, says Chapman, advance to Sho Dan. Currently there are two more brown belts at Kai Shin, on deck, working very hard to qualify for Sho Dan this July.

"We teach control and safety," says Chapman. "Control is important; we teach the building of character and we teach the importance of being humble," says Chapman. The karate dojo is a place for learning, and that can only be accomplished if one is willing to park the ego at the door, says Chapman.

"Karate is a vehicle, it gets you from place to place," says Chapman. He says that it's also a great way to improve outlook through healthy living, diet and exercise. He adds that Kai Shin is actually more family than dojo. "If you're moving, and need a hand, don't be surprised if 50 club members show up at your door to help," laughs Chapman.

Kai Shin club has members that range in age from 4 to 59. They are open evenings from Monday to Thursday during the week and in the morning on Saturday.

Sensei Mike has an overarching philosophy about Kai Shin and karate in general.

"Every time you come down the stairs into the club, you get stronger."

That works. Just ask Sid and Bob. ■

In Search of Bobby Fischer – A Parade of Pawns, Bishops, Rooks and Queens

300 Attend District Chess Championship and JDH Wins

By Staff – Compiled with thanks to Blake Paton



Some moves require a little head-scratching and intense concentration.

Pawns, Bishops and Knights were strewn willy-nilly all round the confines of the Haliburton Legion banquet hall and upstairs at the Dysart et al Arena last Friday. (March 27)

Almost 300 hungry young chess players squared off at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championships.

Tournament director and JD Hodgson teacher Blake Paton said it was by far the closest and most exciting team tussle ever.

JD Hodgson Elementary managed to stave off some game challenges from area schools to once again prevail as tourney champs.

Teams from Pontypool to Bracebridge sent top performers seeking the right to attend the provincial finals in Toronto.

"J.D. Hodgson has held a lock on the team trophy in recent years," said Paton. "This year proved to be their toughest challenge in recent memory. Teams from around the district were showing up with strong performances in all divisions."

JD Hodgson amassed a team total of 57.5 points, narrowly edging Bracebridge Public School who finished second with 52.4 total team points. Langton P.S. had 50 points to finish in third place. Archie Stouffer just missed the podium by a half a point finishing the day with 49.5 points.

"That's one of the closest finishes we've ever had," said Paton, who had a pretty harrowing day. The computer he runs the tourney with developed a hard drive failure and that had his team of teachers and parent chaperones hopping for the whole day, trying hard to compile results by hand, as the scores continued to pile up. The competition began early Friday morning and the dedicated organizers did manage to wrap up the tourney and finish almost on time in spite of the huge computer glitch.

In Grade 1 action Haliburton's Miki Bukta of Stuart Baker Elementary (SBES) cruised through the competition undefeated to earn first place. Nathan Cameron of King Albert in Lindsay was second and Haydon Pounder of Langton Elementary finished 3rd. All three received invitations



Sometimes it's a question of waiting patiently for your opponent's next move.

to the provincial championships. With 27 players competing, this was the largest-ever turnout of Grade 1 players.

On the Grade 2 tables, Liam McAlister from Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) in Minden staged some key upsets against the more highly ranked players and kept a perfect record. He was followed by a trio of Stuart Baker (SBES) players, Bo Stevenson, Liam McCracken and Jocelyn Bretzlaff. All four earned berths in the provincials.

A huge pack of 45 players vied for the Grade 3 trophy, with Sam Longo of Stuart Baker taking the crown in a dramatic final-round victory against David Moore of Muskoka Falls. Emily Klose, of SBES, picked up 3rd place.

Cameron Morrison of Langton P.S. in Fenelon Falls staged a three-peat championship victory in the Grade 4 division by checkmating Eugene Cho of Archie Stouffer in the last round. Eugene will be joined by his team-mate Chris Thompson at the provincials. Cameron's team-mate Owen Pounder also qualified.

In Grade 5, Jack Tiller of Bracebridge Public School took home the hardware. He beat the top-ranked favorite Zoe Orion of Lady MacKenzie in Kirkfield in the final. Harrison Wessel of Ridge-wood in Cobocok will join Orion and Tiller, along with J.D. Hodgson's Ethan Cooper at the provincials.

Raymond Bunn of J.D. Hodgson went undefeated to take the Grade 6 division. His unheralded and not yet ranked team-mate



Tao Orion (l) and Spencer Devolin played off in a crucial grade five match last Friday.



THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ALLSAW BRIDGE

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The County of Haliburton is planning for the rehabilitation of The Allsaw Bridge located on County Road 21, 0.30 km East of Blairhampton Road. The bridge is located over the narrows between Soyers Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake.

The project is being planned as a Schedule B undertaking following the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

For further information on this project, please contact Mr. B. King, Project Manager, at the address noted below.

Public input and comments are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of this project. Subject to comments received and the receipt of necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project, to be completed in the Fall of 2009.

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The tables were full and the action was heated as 300 players faced off in the Trillium Lakelands District Chess Championship.

Spencer Devolin, went undefeated through 4 rounds, when he met Lady MacKenzie's Tao Orion in the 5th round. In a rash moment of excitement, Spencer brought his queen out early and parked his knight near the edge of the board. He went down to defeat, but earned a place at the provincials along with Griffin Lambert of Bracebridge Public School.

Grade 7 JDHES faced the final chapter in its quest to

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Patti Johnson hoped the luck of the Irish would be on her side



After bitter defeat, Patti Goreski's (second from left) Jamaican Curling Rink threatened to take up bobsledding next year

Minden Curling Club Sweeps into Spring

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

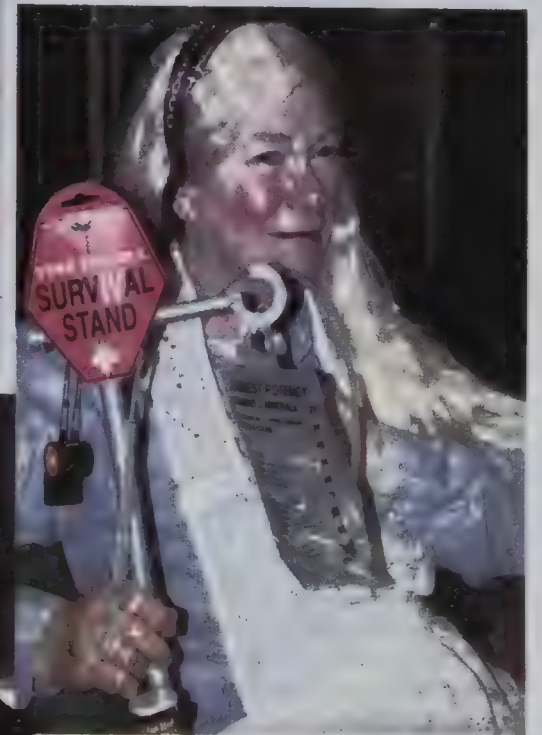
Twenty teams from around southern and central Ontario gathered at the Minden Curling Club last weekend to participate in the Annual "Sweep into Spring Ladies Invitational Bonspiel". Many teams were decked out in theme based or matching costumes, a practice that adds increased enthusiasm and colour to this traditional "end of winter" celebration.

The two-day bonspiel included a Saturday evening dinner at the club followed by numerous award presentations. The winning rink was Joan Beatie's squad from Stayner, followed by Susan Barrett, (Port Perry) Andrea Lamb, (Port Perry) Jane Boyd, (Minden) and Pat Woodcroft. (Minden) Mary-Jane Irwin's rink from Minden was awarded the prize for best costume. ■

Right: Alice's Queen of Hearts (Marg Hastings) & The White Rabbit (Christa Irwin) sweep into spring wearing their prize winning costumes.



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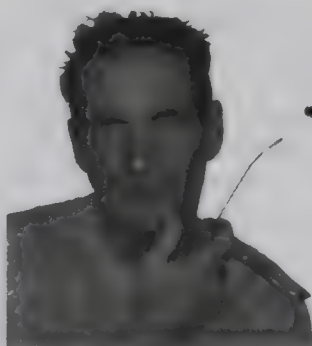
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Basketball and golf junkies love this time of year

All these teams and a Tiger on the prowl



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

It's that time of year. Close to golf's Masters, and down to the wire for March Madness.

So for me, it's spring baby.

I have University of North Carolina Tar Heels in my NCAA pool. Last weekend they advanced to the final four, which this year will be held at Ford Field in Detroit.

I love basketball. The swish of ball through twine, the flight of a bounced pass, the no look dish, the precocity, and the players, who rise, literally and figuratively to the task.

Last Sunday, though, I was faced with the unenviable task of spreading my viewing page between my Tar Heels and another large and looming event: The comeback of one Tiger Woods. That multitasking dovetails quite nicely with my adult onset Attention Deficit Disorder, but plays hell with my mindset.

I am a hoops fan, who just happens to be addicted to Tiger.

Tiger Woods started making his charge in the final round of the annual Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill last Sunday afternoon. My dilemma? He was on the back nine and making his heady come-from-behind charge on NBC as the Tar Heels were playing out their string in the elite eight versus Oklahoma Sooners on CBS.

Thankfully, commercials and game breaks meshed eloquently,

and I was able to catch most of the March Madness while keeping a solid eye on the Tiger, as he duked it out with a five shot deficit, ebbing light, long shadows, and Sean O'Hair. And in near darkness, he did what most people expected.

Tied with O'Hair at 18, Tiger sank a 16-foot birdie putt to win it, as ol' Arnie Palmer blinked and strained in that dysfunctional light at day's end.

Even with all that hoops madness going on, NBC's golf coverage garnered a huge share of the Nielsen's.

Golf is back on track.

Down to one man: Tiger Woods.

And with just seven days to the Masters, pro golf and its pitchmen are breathing a sigh of relief. In the golfing industry, Tiger Woods is salvation, an inestimable buyout package, wound tight as a brand new Srixon.

So huge was this resurgence, so pinned are we to the rise and ebb of Tiger's tide, that right after that University of North Carolina victory, their coach, Roy Williams, an irrepressibly all-hoops kinda' guy—who does however like his golf—interrupted his own press conference to ask a question of the gathered throng of reporters.

"Did Tiger win?"

To get a grasp of the enormity of that statement, you have to have a feel for just how big this NCAA tournament is, in the grand scheme of things. It ranks a little below the Super Bowl on the big red carpet of televised events.

So when Roy Williams asked that seminal question at a presser celebrating the Tar Heels entrance into the vaunted Final Four, well let's just say, it spoke to just how big and bountiful the Tiger factor remains.

It got me to thinking. Why do I just love watching Tiger? And why am I so hooked on this annual NCAA tourney?

Easy, I think. Tiger is magnetic. We watch because he is so riveting, so consumed with passion for the game. And we are

riveted not by the shots, the recovery, the power, and the swing. We are ensconced, rather, in the power of personality, a body so dedicated to singleness of purpose.

We are enamored of the pursuit of perfection. Deep down, we harbor a secret wish to bring that same joy to our daily nudge.

It's the same with college hoops and this damn tourney, which I have followed for as long as I can remember.

I managed to watch a lot of basketball this past weekend. Those college coaches, including Williams, get paid one heckuva' pile of money to notch the Xs and Os on those dry erase boards.

Last weekend I parked my brain, and just watched. I began ignoring all those delightful twin-traps and 2-3 zones. I ignored the press, the Mississippi mud half-court traps, and the isolation variants. I watched the players.

I reduced it to the Tiger's eye. And emerging from the swirl of bodies, it suddenly became clear. The coaches are smarter, the players are bigger, and the teams are faster, but the plays remain.

Absolutely amazing. A lot has happened to hoops since Dr. James Naismith first erected a peach basket in Almonte, Ontario.

But it's really quite simple. Pass the ball, catch the ball, shoot the ball. And move dammit!

Once in a while you will hear in a game report, written by some bumbling pundit, that a coach lost the game. Never. This game is played on the court. The coach hits the Xs and Os, but the play usually reverts to form. Watch closely, scan through the messy miasma of bodies flying, and you will see the points rolling in off the pick and roll or the seminal back door cut.

I love this about my game.

Father Bob Bedard — Big Bob — taught me the basics of this game back at St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary in Ottawa.

He taught me an appreciation of the simple things.

He taught me the beauty of the textbook V-cut. He taught me the finer points of the seamless pick and roll. He said that these two basic commodities come from hard work and desire.

Pay the conductor — and you earn the ride.

Last Sunday, midst the clutter of 10 bodies on the hardwood, I watched, amazed, at all of those points clicking in off the simple pick and roll, and the concise back door. Basketball redux. Hoops 101.

And suddenly as I switched back to Tiger it all came together. Golf reduced to its simplest terms. Hard work. Dedication and desire.

I realized why I watch, on a Sunday afternoon, Tiger and the Heels. The KISS factor. Not the rock band, the acronym.

Keep it simple stupid. Above all have fun.

Sports, like life, is only as hard as you wanna' make it.

Stick to the basics, work hard, and strive for perfection.

Oh, and keep your eye on the ball. ■

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hold onto the team trophy. A weak showing in Grade 8 and Grade 4 meant that their players needed to hold onto every point. Sam Tyler was up to challenge and won 5 straight to pick up his first championship since his Grade 1 debut. Team-mate Felix Scuhr picked up second place by drawing only one match. Sam Phillips of Rolling Hills in Pontypool took 3rd and will join them at the provincials.

The Grade 8 field of 33 was a showcase of chess talent from around Central Ontario. Cole Gibbs of Bracebridge Public School took top honours. Angus Short took second for Cobocok and Ridgewood Public School. Emily Shapiera of ASES in Minden was third while Zack Maw of Rolling Hills took 4th place.

Provincial Qualifiers

Grade 1

Miki Bukta, Stuart Baker Elementary School
Nathan Cameron, King Albert Public School
Haydon Pounder, Langton Elementary School

Grade 2

Liam McAlister, Archie Stouffer Elementary School
Bo Stevenson, Stuart Baker Elementary School
Liam McCracken, Stuart Baker Elementary School
Jocelyn Bretzlaff, Stuart Baker Elementary School

Grade 3

Sam Longo, Stuart Baker Elementary School
David Moore, Muskoka Falls P public School
Emily Klose, Stuart Baker Elementary School

Grade 4

Cameron Morrison, Langton Public School
Eugene Cho, Archie Stouffer Elementary School
Chris Thompson, Archie Stouffer Elementary School
Owen Pounder, Langton Public School

Grade 5

Jack Tiller, Bracebridge Public School
Zoe Orion, Lady MacKenzie Public School
Harrison Wessel, Ridgewood Public School
Ethan Cooper of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School

Grade 6

Raymond Bunn, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
Spencer Devolin, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
Tao Orion, Lady MacKenzie Public School
Griffin Lambert, Bracebridge Public School

Grade 7

Sam Tyler, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
Felix Scuhr, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School
Sam Phillips, Rolling Hills Public School

Grade 8

Cole Gibbs, Bracebridge Public School
Angus Short, Ridgewood Public School
Emily Shapiera, Archie Stouffer Elementary School
Zack Maw, Rolling Hills Public School

Team
standings

School	Points
J.D. Hodgson E.S.	57.5
Bracebridge P.S.	52.5
Langton P.S.	50
Archie Stouffer E.S.	49.5
Parkview P.S.	47
Stuart Baker E.S.	46
Muskoka Falls P.S.	45
Ridgewood P.S.	42.5
Lady MacKenzie P.S.	40
King Albert P.S.	31
Cardiff E.S.	24.5
Wilberforce E.S.	23.5
Rolling Hills P.S.	21.5

Hal High curlers capture Bronze at OFSAA
A season of highlights for the 24-4 Red Hawk foursome

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Here's the thing about curling.
You can do everything right.
You can nail the weight, you can pop the perfect turn, you can be dead on the broom, and the sweeping can be flawless.
And you can still miss the shot.
Ice, like life can be finicky.

Haliburton High skip Connor Duhaime knows all about the vagaries of this rocky, roaring game.

Connor, back for a fifth year at Hal High, led his Red Hawk foursome to a bronze medal at the annual OFSAA curling championships held in St Catharines last week. The Hawks nailed down third place with a 3-1 victory over a strong Etobicoke High foursome.

A close 5-3 loss to Geraldton HS in the semis prompted some de rigueur soul-searching about the trials and tribulations of flat ice and the stunned stone. But when all is said and done, this is a team blessed with strong coaching and the power to look philosophically at the big picture.

As my psychiatrist used to say: "You can do all the right things, and still not get the result you hoped for."

The Red Hawk rink with skip Connor, vice Curtis Nichol, second Jesse Walker, and lead Owen Duhaime (Connor's brother) are not dwelling on the half full glass.

They are naturally ecstatic about their strong finish and especially happy with their overall 24-4 record. That record includes a huge Gold Medal victory at the prestigious Gore Provincial tournament. Big season, big finish, nice result.

For Connor and Nichol - both of whom will be leaving Hal High this year - the third place finish was compelling and gratifying. But there was some residual disappointment.

"Well we were a little disappointed that we didn't make it to the finals, because we were one of the favorites going into the tournament, but we're still very happy about our accomplishments this season," said Connor last Monday.

For his part, he's really happy that he returned for his fifth year. He said that true to form, they managed to shrug off the disappointment of a very close and gut-wrenching semi-final loss to pull it together for the bronze medal game. "Sure we were all a bit down and we had to go right back out after lunch to play in the bronze medal game, but you have to remember that Etobicoke had lost a close semi-final as well," said Connor.

The win over Etobicoke put an exclamation point on the season. "It's the school's best finish ever, so we're pleased with that," added Connor.

Connor's right hand man, vice Nichol, managed to put some perspective on the season as well. "We had a chance to win the gold, but we did win the bronze and we have to remember that we won the Gore," said Nichol. Nichol, like Connor, intends to attend university next year and they both say they'll be rejoining their competitive junior teams on the Ontario competitive circuit next year.

Both have plans to explore the possibility of competitive Ontario University curling. Nichol said that for now he's savoring the year, the 24-4 record, the Gore and the bronze. "It could have been a little better," smiles Nichol, "but we're very happy with our year."

For Walker and Owen, the younger, it's something powerful to build on for next year. For coach Tom Dibblee, well, he's happy about this team's overall dedication to process.

"I was extremely proud, ecstatic, and excited to get out of the quarter finals with a win over Parkside (Dundas) and into the top four," said Dibblee. He said that their team goal was realized with that entry into the final four. He did share some of the heartbreak of that semi-final loss, but finds solace in the fact that they performed always at an optimum level.

The foursome won their round robin pool with a 3-1 record. They defeated Napanee 12-4 on Wednesday and posted a 17-0 win over Crestwood Prep on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon they squeaked a 5-4 victory over Geraldton and on Friday they lost 6-2 to Bishop Tonnos.

The Tonnos loss was an afterthought as the Red Hawks had already won their pool on the basis of their win over Geraldton on Thursday. Geraldton, one of the stronger teams in the 20-team provincial tourney also emerged with a 3-1 record and advanced to the quarterfinals. That would factor heavily down the road, as it happens.

On Friday, the Hawks trounced Parkside High School 8-1 to advance to the Saturday semis at the St Catharines Curling Club. Geraldton defeated Notre Dame 7-2 in their quarter final, and that set up a huge semi-final reprise match up between Geraldton and Hal High.

And that's what the season boiled to. Win and play Kitchener-Waterloo HS in the final. Lose and play for bronze. Connor said that everything seemed right as the two teams entered the rink at 9:30 Saturday morning. He said that he was ready and the team was ready. "We beat them in the round robin, and we were pretty confident going in," said Connor.

Indeed, the Red Hawks started strong, jumping into a 3-0 lead on the basis of one point in the third and a steal of two in the fifth end.

Geraldton took two back with the hammer in the sixth and then stole in the seventh to tie it at three. Connor said that tied with the hammer coming home, his team was pretty confident. It's a nice place to be. Hammer coming home. Game tied.

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Highland Cup to Return to Haliburton

Highland Cup Ice Oval Snowmobile Race organizer Harold Foyster announced this week that the event will definitely take place on the weekend of March 6th - 7th, 2010 on Haliburton's Head Lake. Marcel Fontaine, president of the SCM Racing, the sanctioning body for the Eastern Pro Tour, had told their annual general meeting on the weekend that any group that had already had an option on the prime-time weekend spots for 2010 could retain the slot if they wished. But luckily, groups from Eganville, Burks Falls, and New York State decided to shift around their commitments, which opened up the March 6 - 7 slot for the Highland Cup.

Foyster and his High Speed Motorsports group were forced to cancel this year's event due to a lack of sponsorship support but he was able to raise the necessary downpayment for next year's event, and is enthusiastic about the result. "This will really be a great weekend, the timing is perfect, and we're really looking forward to it. We still need volunteers and more sponsors - anyone interested please contact me at 457-2278, or check out our website for further information at www.highlandcup.com."

Foyster also mentioned that the Eastern Pro Tour had acquired another major sponsor in Dewalt Power Tools, which also bodes well for the future.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Kenyan Wildlife Fires

Hundreds of thousands of flamingos and other species of wildlife across Kenya were on the run from five separate wildfires, while 3.2 million human residents faced hunger from a protracted drought. Some of the blazes blackened the Masai Mara as well as neighboring Tanzania's Serengeti Park. The drought has caused many watering holes and streams to dry up, forcing the Kenya Wildlife Service to pump water from underground bore holes into shallow pans for animals to drink. Thousands of zebras, buffalo, giraffes and antelopes fled a blaze in Longonot National Park, rushing headlong through villages and across busy roads. While many of the animals in peril have been able to outrun the fires, wildlife experts said snakes and smaller animals, like rabbits and mongooses, may not have been able to escape.

Smaller Urban Footprint

A new report suggests that some city dwellers actually leave a smaller carbon footprint than many of their country cousins do in contributing to global warming. The International Institute for Environment and Development says it found that per capita emissions in many of the world's largest cities are often just a fraction of the national average. "The real climate change culprits are not the cities themselves but the high-consumption lifestyles of people living across these wealthy countries," said report author David Dodman. He points to well-designed and well-governed cities that can combine high living standards with much lower greenhouse gas emissions. The report says New Yorkers register footprints of 7.1 tons each — less than a third of the national average.

Beijing Shrivels

Chinese officials may be forced to resettle some of Beijing's new arrivals over the next five to 10 years due to a population boom that accompanied both a rapid economic expansion and a stretch of yearly droughts. Probe International, an independent environmental advocacy group, advised Chinese officials that Beijing faces economic collapse as it begins to run out of water during that period. The official Xinhua news agency reports that the Chinese capital and surrounding region have suffered drought every year since 1999. To deal with the changing climate, the country is building the multibillion-dollar scheme known as the North-South Water Diversion Project. Xinhua says that once completed, the project will divert 1 billion cubic yards of water to Beijing annually, mostly from the Yangtze River.

Eruption

Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano produced a series of eruptions that forced the state's flagship airline to cancel 35 flights and a nearby oil terminal to shut down. The 10,200-foot volcano, located about 100 miles southwest of Anchorage, shot plumes of ash 9 miles into the atmosphere above the Alaska Peninsula. Mud flowing down Redoubt has uprooted hundreds of trees and clogged the Drift River Valley with debris. Redoubt last erupted in 1989-90, when it produced sporadic explosions over a five-month period.

Tropical Cyclones

Downpours from Cyclone Jasper washed out roads on the French South Pacific territory of New Caledonia and forced dozens of native villagers to evacuate their homes.

Cyclone Izilda churned the southern Mozambique Channel just off Madagascar's southwestern coast as the ninth named storm of the region's waning cyclone season.

Earthquakes

A moderate earthquake centered in south-central China's Guizhou province caused farmhouses to collapse or crack near the epicenter. Officials said that there were no deaths or significant injuries resulting from the quake.

Earth movements were also felt in eastern Papua New Guinea, Southern California's Coachella Valley, northwest Wyoming and southwest Utah.

Baboon Raid

An unruly troop of baboons wreaked havoc among beachgoers along South Africa's Cape Peninsula over the weekend as the animals hijacked cars to get at food intended for picnics. Officials in Cape Town blamed the marauding behavior on tour operators who have "baited" the scenic destination with food to attract the primates. Municipal authorities acted swiftly to halt the practice, designed to provide opportunities for visitors to photograph the baboons. "Any tour operator caught doing so can be charged under national conservation legislation," the city's executive director for the environment, Piet van Zyl, said in a statement. He also appealed to the public to exercise extreme caution while near the baboons. Cape Town's baboons are protected under South African law, but rangers are sometimes forced to kill them when they become too aggressive.

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Hal High Curlers Cont'd ...
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And everything was, according to Nichol, heading to a crescendo, and a vignette that this team has seen many times over this season.

Facing two rocks in the house and Connor holding hammer and last rock, all they had to do was set the broom down, clean the ice and guide it into the eight foot.

"Connor had already thrown a draw with his first stone," said Nichol. "And that last rock, we had a pretty simple draw to win it. And when Connor threw it, as it was coming down the ice, it looked perfect ... perfect weight, good line."

Connor, Walker and Owen all concurred.

"That's a pretty standard shot," said Connor. "I knew my weight, I had just thrown a draw, and it looked great going down."

And then it all went sideways. Or more poignantly, didn't go sideways.

Nichol, holding the broom in the house, and Connor watching from his release point couldn't believe what happened next.

"It all felt good," said Connor. "But the ice didn't do what we thought it would. The rock stayed straight, didn't curl."

"We controlled the end," said Dibblee. "The call was exactly like the shot Connor just threw. He threw the same line and weight but the rock stayed just a touch straighter than the last one, rubbed our own guard by less than an inch." Heartbreaking was how Dibblee later described it.

"That's a shot that I make 90 percent of the time," smiled Connor.

"I was watching it and I don't know what happened," said Nichol.

As we noted above. Ice, like life, is finicky.

And I know what my Winnipeg psychiatrist would tell them.

"You can do all the right things, and still get a bad result."

But, then again, he wasn't a curler.

And, put in perspective, a Gold Gore, 24-4, and a Bronze OF-SAA for this gallant foursome from Haliburton Highlands?

Not bad. Not bad at all. ■



(L-R) Coach Tom Dibblee, lead Owen Duhaime, second Jesse Walker, vice Curtis Nichol and skip Connor Duhaime pose with their OFSAA Bronze Medals in St. Catharines last Saturday afternoon.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword A PUZZLE

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- 9 Trophy or city district?
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- 18 Silly solo
- 20 Chemical element
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- 24 Doll
- 25 Marsh bird
- 26 Ken of "thirtysomething"
- 27 Waterfalls
- 29 Furrow
- 31 Emotionally arduous
- 33 Spouses no more
- 34 — cotta
- 36 Peculiar
- 37 De Mille or Moorehead
- 39 Be in a pageant
- 41 George of "Just Shoot Me"
- 45 Thickens
- 46 "— is me!"
- 47 Fish for a dish
- 49 Shady spot
- 51 Goal

- 52 Simple shelters
- 54 "Got — You Into My Life" ('66 song)
- 56 Figure of interest?
- 57 Mao — -tung
- 58 Land or beacon?
- 60 Mead's milieu
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- 65 At — for words
- 68 Result
- 70 It really smells
- 71 Spoil
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- 73 Morsel for Dumbo
- 76 Error
- 78 Obsolete title
- 81 Lend an — (listen)
- 82 Schipa or Bergonzi
- 84 Quantity or steed?
- 86 Cry of discovery
- 88 Particle
- 90 Automaton
- 92 French couturier
- 93 Soho snack
- 94 Varnish ingredient
- 96 Fall decoration

- 98 Creepy Christopher
- 99 Jeweler's weight
- 101 Link
- 103 Looked like Hook?
- 105 Planned a burglary
- 106 Uh-uh
- 108 Yorkshire features
- 109 David's instrument
- 110 Cavorts in the pool
- 115 Make lace
- 116 Trees-to-be
- 120 Pub orders
- 121 Cover story?
- 123 Fuming
- 125 Authentic
- 126 Barrett or Jaffe
- 127 Romeo and Juliet
- 128 Neighbor of Mali
- 129 Actress Raines
- 130 Perched on or toy?
- 131 Make amends or pitch?
- 132 Collect or religious service?
- 133 Drink like a dachshund

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- 7 — Canals
- 8 Main course
- 9 Like some art
- 10 Pale
- 11 Like 102
- 12 Printer's proof
- 13 Expects the worst
- 14 Like — of bricks
- 15 Part of Indonesia
- 16 "— go brag!"
- 17 Sharp taste
- 19 Upward movement or aroma?
- 28 Fires
- 30 Poetic pots
- 32 Concept
- 34 Choppers
- 35 Opposite or hybrid?
- 37 Tilted or roster?
- 38 Private Pyle
- 39 Moulin —
- 40 Forum fashions
- 42 Growl sound
- 43 Embarrass or big party?

- 44 Government game
- 45 Purrfect pet?
- 46 Singer Barry
- 48 Rep. rival
- 50 "— Petite" ('57 song)
- 53 Put one's foot down
- 55 Big-billed bird
- 58 Concerning or match?
- 59 Sheen
- 61 Separately or role?
- 64 Hostelry
- 66 — Cruces, NM
- 67 Mountain nymph
- 69 — Lanka
- 72 Blue hue
- 73 Compute component
- 74 Consumed
- 75 Stood up or flower?
- 76 Rock's Los —
- 77 Approximate or boxing division?
- 78 Acted like a dove
- 79 — Dame
- 80 In front of or leader?
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- 85 Jazzman Davis

- 87 — bran
- 89 Cowboy Tom
- 91 Essay's big brother
- 95 "— on the Run" ('90 film)
- 97 Walter — Mare
- 99 Composer Orfi
- 100 Yearn or steeple part?
- 102 North African feature
- 104 Eye part
- 105 Piquant buds
- 107 Spartan serf
- 109 Can't stand
- 110 Poet
- 111 Teasdale
- 112 Scheme
- 113 Carson's successor
- 114 PDQ, politely
- 116 Farm building
- 117 '94 Jodie Foster film
- 118 Extravaganza
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- 122 Big —
- 124 Wheel part

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your passion for doing the right thing inspires others to follow your well-trodden path toward justice.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A suggestion from a colleague on how to work out a problem might not sit too well with you. But before you suspect his or her motives, why not just accept it as a friendly gesture?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An associate might seek your counsel on a workplace dispute with another co-worker. Listen to what she or he has to say, but withhold advice until you've heard the other side of the story.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your Twin gifts for creativity and practicality to score points in landing an opportunity that could open doors to a new career. Someone returns after a long absence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although things are pretty hectic through much of the week, some quiet time with loved ones helps restore balance. An unexpected visitor brings welcome news about a mutual friend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Getting used to change isn't always easy for the Big Cat. But make the adjustments gradually, and soon you'll hardly remember when things were any different from how they are now.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Continue to stay the course you've chosen, and avoid distractions that could throw you off track. Some knowledgeable folks are happy to provide guidance if you need it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you earned plaudits from most co-workers for your recent stand on a workplace situation, you also raised the envy quotient among others. Tread carefully for now.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You feel more positive about that delayed project, and you're ready to pick it up on a moment's notice. However, you might need to re-motivate those who have since lost interest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some welcome news should be coming your way. In the meantime, use that Sagittarius charm to persuade some still-reluctant colleagues that your ideas have merit.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait for a misunderstanding to work itself out. Instead, ask for a chance to explain the circumstances before those bruised feelings lead to an irreversible break.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A physical problem should be checked out in order to avoid it going from just being a nuisance to something more serious. Your social life takes an unexpected but not unwelcome turn.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours might be the wisest sign in the Zodiac. But you still could benefit from the wisdom of a close friend who has suggestions on how to handle a perplexing personal problem.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Rollie," and I have an issue regarding his ex-wife, "Flora." She lives seven hours from us in the same city as their grown children. Rollie sometimes goes without me to spend time with the boys. I don't have a problem with not being included on these trips because I know my husband misses his sons and wants to spend "guy time" with them. My issue is Rollie is too cheap to pay for a hotel -- although we do have the money -- so he stays with Flora. I don't consider myself a prude, but I find this unacceptable. Can you give me your view? Supposedly, at least one of the "boys" is staying there, too. -- THE CURRENT MRS. IN JAMESTOWN, N.Y.

DEAR CURRENT MRS.: I can see both sides of this question. Rollie loves his money and you love Rollie, and his staying with his ex is a gut-level threat, whether real or imagined. Out of respect for your feelings, your husband should stay with one of his grown sons when he goes to visit. That way, he won't have to shell out any money, and you won't have to worry about appearances.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14, just got my first boyfriend, and I don't know how to tell my mom. I don't want to ask my friends because I don't want them to know that I haven't told my mom yet. She can be overprotective sometimes, and I'm afraid she will go crazy because her one and only daughter has her first boyfriend. I feel guilty because I don't want to lie and not tell her about him. Please help. -- DESPERATE IN LONGVIEW, TEXAS

DEAR DESPERATE: Many people your age see each other in groups. If the young man isn't already a part of your group of friends, start including him. That way, your mother can meet and get to know him, and the concept that you might like each other won't be threatening to her. I agree that she must be told because you are at an age when a daughter should be able to tell her mother anything.

Minden Hills Council Cont'd

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confident that we can find the remainder of the funds from within our existing budget." McMahon said that, in the meantime, fund raising continues through the Riverwalk Committee.

McMahon said that it has only been since their visioning session that Council has been funding Riverwalk and that until their visioning session the project had been fully funded through grants and donations. "We agreed that the project should move ahead in preparation for the sesquicentennial."

As to the economic development plan, McMahon doesn't discount the possibility that the project may be able to continue, possibly in two phases instead of just one. ■



ATV DRIVER CHARGED

(Haliburton, ON.) -- Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged an atv operator as a result of a driving complaint that was received Saturday shortly after 2:00pm.

Officers located the vehicle (a red Yamaha Grizzly all terrain vehicle) a short time later on Brucker Rd in Highlands East Township. The driver was arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80mgs is Dwayne Foster 34 years of Highlands East Township. Mr. Foster will be appearing in Minden court on May 6, 2009 in relation to the charges.

Announcements

Coming Events

"EARLY BIRD" YARD SALE

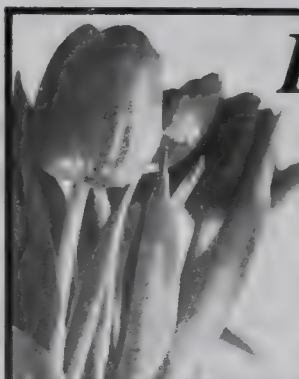
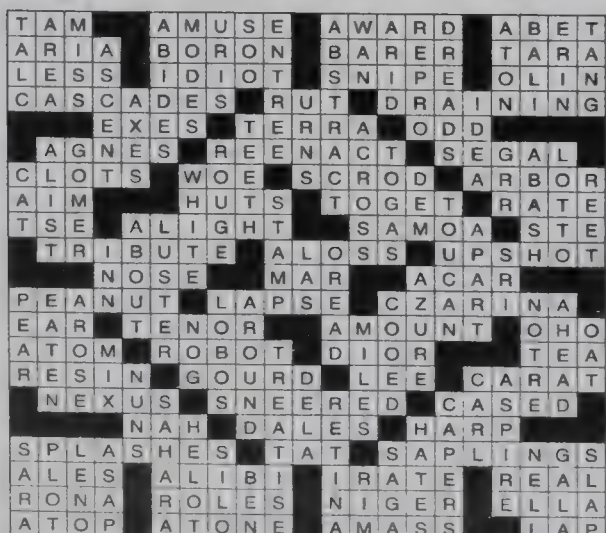
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Coming Events

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Thank You

THANK YOU, We would like to thank all our family, relatives, and friends for the many flowers, cards, donations, food, and other acts of kindness during the loss of my dear husband, and cherished father. A special thanks to Kirsten Monk for all her help and kind words. I would like to express my gratitude and sincere thanks. June Pockett and family (Apr. A 09)

THANK YOU, The West Guilford Rec. Centre thanks all the volunteers who helped make the Gospel & Country Music Show such a success, especially Karl & Terry Upton, Darko Knezevic, Charlie Hadley, Wes Lee, Chatherine O'Hara, Nancy Brink and everyone who donated and helped with the delicious lunch and helped to sell tickets. Special thanks to the guest artists Wilbert Zavitz, Brian Monahan, Julie Chambers, Carm Peters, Lloyd Madill, Lisa Allison and Canadian Country Music Artist Johnny Burke.

The donation made to the Centre was very generous and much appreciated and will be used to keep our Centre operating for our community. (Apr. A 09)

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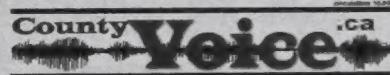


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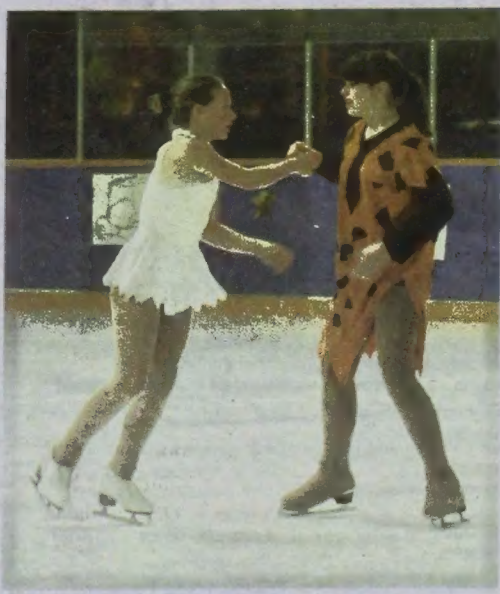
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Minden Figure Skaters Present "That's Entertainment"



Stage 2 Girls perform "Happy Birthday"
Left to Right - Jasmine Jawanda, Daniella Meraw, Hannah Gartshore, Emma Crowe, Crystal Petry, Ava Allaire



From left clockwise: Stage 1 skater
Skye Lamshead in "Ballet"

Senior skaters Shae MacNaull and
Alana Bannister performing
"The Flintstones"

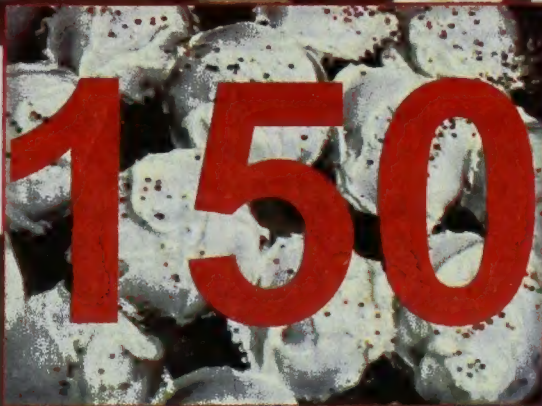
Senior skaters Jillian Mayhew &
Kaitlin Allore (LtoR) performing
"Figure Skaters"

Photos By:
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Minden Gets Ready For The Big 150



Above: Ladies from Saint Paul's Anglican Church and the Susqui Committee were busy at the Minden community center Monday preparing 450 cupcakes for the Archie Stouffer birthday party this Wednesday.



Lornel Casey with some of the 450 birthday cupcakes

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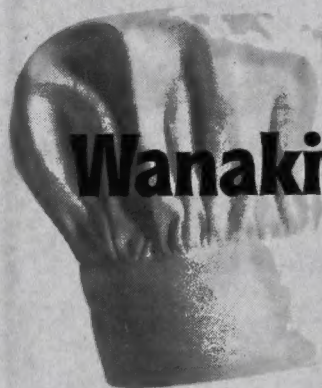


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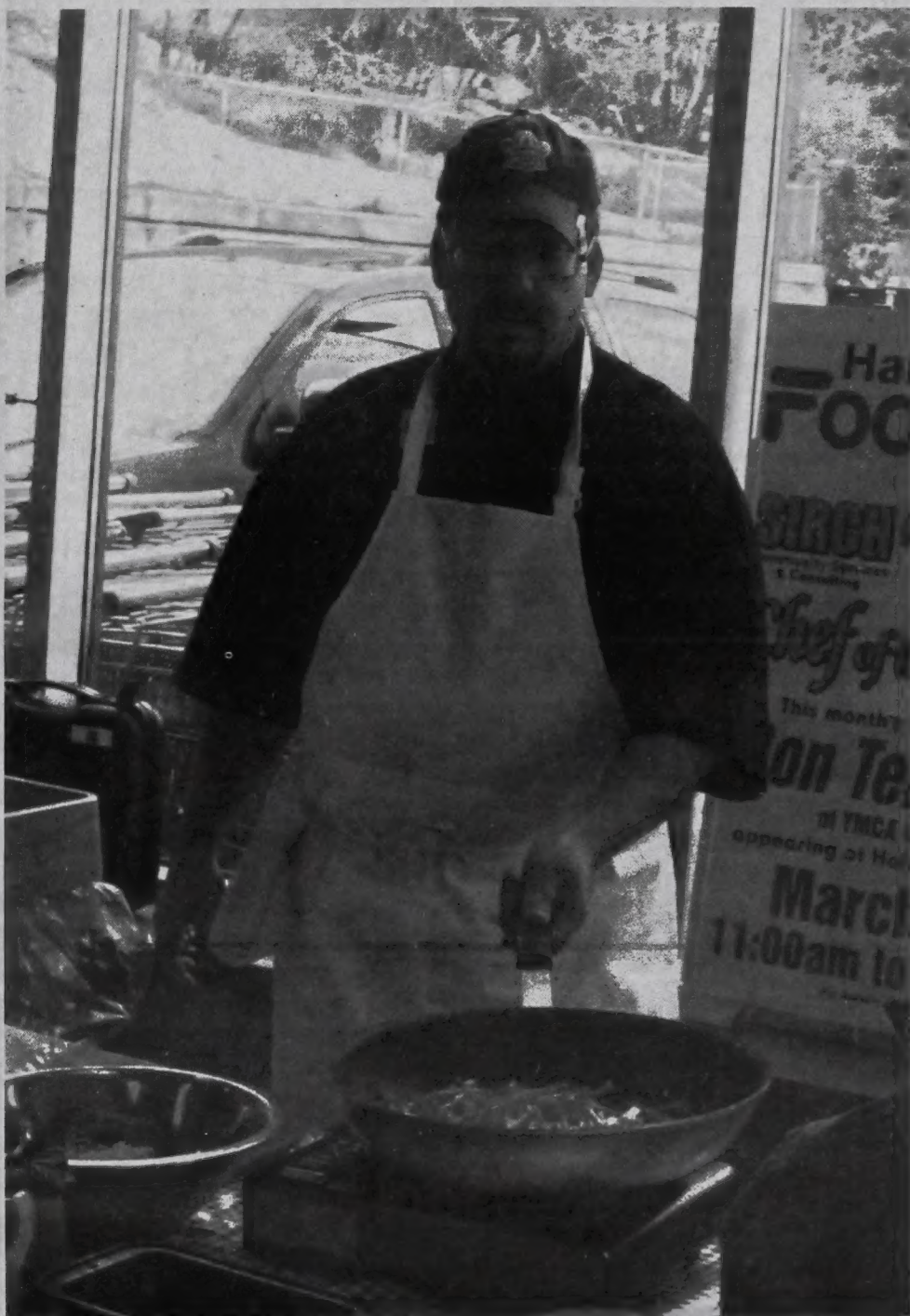
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Chef of the Month

Wanakita's Chef of the Month Ron Tenthorey Presents

"Ron's Rockin' Meatloaf"



Camp Wanakita's Chef and Director of Food Services Ron Tenthorey served up a dynamite meal at Haliburton's Foodland last weekend as part of SIRCH's Healthy Children Program. The Challenge is to provide a healthy, nutritious meal on the tiny budgets that many families in Haliburton County have to live on. Chef Tenthorey offered up an amazing menu of breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks at an incredible cost per person of just \$2.58, or \$10.32 for a family of four.

Later, Chef Tenthorey took participants on a detailed tour of Foodland, showing how to make pick ingredients to avoid pre-packaged foods, and how to pick low-budget, healthy foods.

This demonstration was the sixth in the series of monthly chef challenges organized by SIRCH, and chef participants have included the Peppermills' Greg Turner, Rhubarb's David Adams, the Bonnyview's Monte Miscio, Franka Andriano from Franka's Café, and Aaron Walker from Grill on the Gull.

SIRCH spokesperson Nancy Brownsberger is now looking for interested chefs for July, August, and September demonstrations, and wants to emphasize that community and family chefs who have raised large families, or who have catered charity events, for example, or who have themselves struggled with making food budgets work, would all be welcome to be a part of the program. If you're interested in participating in this innovative and highly useful community initiative, contact Nancy at 457-1742, Ext. 21. ■

Ron's Rockin' Meatloaf

Meatloaf Ingredients:

1 lb. hamburger meat	1 can of mushrooms
4 bread slices cubed	Italian herbs to taste
1 egg	1/2 onion diced
4 slices of uncooked bacon (optional)	8 ounce can of tomato sauce

Directions:

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place all ingredients in a large bowl (except bacon) and mix together completely. Place mixture in a loaf pan and cover the top of the uncooked meatloaf with the bacon. Bake for 45 minutes.

Potato Hash Brown Ingredients:

1 lb of potatoes
1/2 onion diced
Garlic powder/salt and pepper to taste
2 tbsp. Olive Oil

Directions:

Peel and dice potatoes into bite size pieces. Heat a large frying pan with the oil and add the onion, sauté until translucent. Put the potatoes and spices into the pan and cook until browned.

Steamed Carrots Ingredients:

1 lb of carrots
1 tbsp margarine
1 tbsp of sugar

Directions:

Peel and cut carrots into bite size pieces. Place in pot with boiling water and steam until cooked but still firm. Drain water from carrots and mix in margarine and sugar.

Total Cost = \$5.15 (serves four)
Portion Cost = \$1.29 per serving

How to save money on groceries and eat healthy food

- Think back to basics
- Make as many base ingredient items as possible i.e. stocks, jams, condiments, sauces & soups
- Learn to use spices from other cultures to add flavor and healthful benefits to your meals
- Grow an indoor window garden of fresh herbs
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- Take a basic cooking course so you have a knowledge of the techniques and chemistry of cooking

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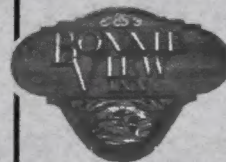
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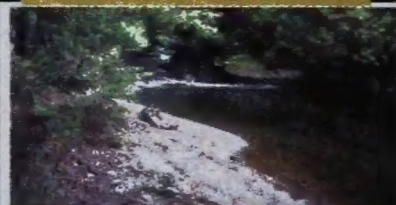
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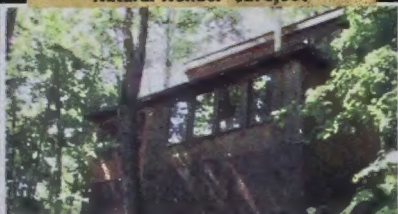
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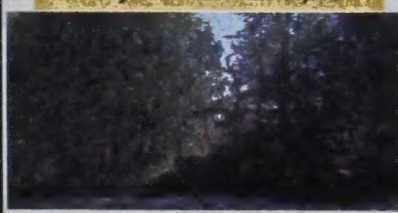
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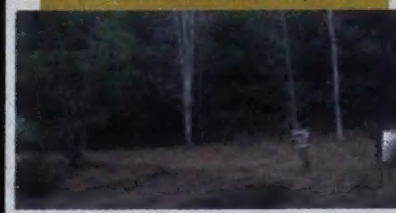
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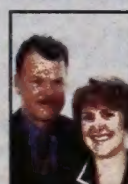
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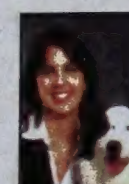
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